

**INFORMATION REPORT**

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FOR: The Commissioners

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SUBJECT: WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT – WEEK ENDING  
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**Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)**  
**Items of Interest**  
**Week Ending March 17, 2023**

<b>ARRIVALS</b>
NONE
<b>RETIREMENTS</b>
NONE
<b>DEPARTURES</b>
NONE

**Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)  
Items of Interest  
Week Ending March 17, 2023**

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests<sup>1</sup> and Appeals  
Received During the Period of March 13 – March 17, as submitted by requester**

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description	Received Date
FOIA-2023-000078	Weiss, Caroline	Independent Journalist	To Whom It May Concern: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records: All emails and written and/or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Region IV Regional State Liaison Officer Ryan Alexander regarding the keyword "Holtec" between December 1, 2021 and March 9, 2023. I am an independent reporter. The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires. Sincerely,	03/10/2023

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ENCLOSURE B

<sup>1</sup> Starting on March 8, 2023, FOIAXpress has either been inaccessible, working extremely slow, or jobs are pending. This has caused a decrease in the FOIA team's productivity during this time. OCIO has been working with the vendor on a permanent solution.

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description	Received Date
FOIA-2023-000079	Flynn, Dana	Plymouth Police Department	Requester is seeking all correspondence, including but not limited to reports, letters, emails, forms, notes, or similar documentation between Holtec international's Pilgrim Station (Plymouth, MA) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission pertaining to discussions between Holtec International, or any subsidiary thereof, and the Town of Plymouth (MA) Police Department regarding Holtec international's request to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Town of Plymouth (MA) Police Department to provide emergency response to security incidents at the Pilgrim Station site between January 1, 2019 and the present. Please send the information electronically if possible. (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2019 To 3/16/2023)	03/16/2023
FOIA-2023-000080	Quinn, Michael	WorkPlace Cornerstone Associates, Inc.	Requester is seeking a scan of a letter from the US NRC to Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company dated September or October 1983 attesting that listed requester passed the SRO exam and has been provided an SRO License and a scan of the OLTS Applicant/Exam Processing document(s) (or whatever was in place back in 1983) attesting that requester took a 62-week course of study – with a listing of courses taken and passed. (Date Range for Record Search: From 9/1/1983 To 10/31/1983)	03/17/2023

**Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)**  
**Items of Interest**  
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**NRC Public Workshop on the Instrumentation and Controls Licensing Framework for Advanced Reactors**

On March 16, 2023, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff continued its public workshops on the Instrumentation and Controls (I&C) Licensing Framework for Advanced Reactors in a hybrid meeting with representatives from industry, the national laboratories, and others. The workshops are part of the agency's efforts to streamline reviews of future license applications and to ensure common understanding amongst the NRC staff and potential applicants. This workshop continued discussions related to specific industry questions regarding the Licensing Modernization Project implementation for the design of I&C systems. The staff is planning for its next public workshop in April to continue discussions on specific areas, including the use of alternative international I&C safety standards.

**NRR and the Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group Public Meeting on the Top Focus Areas for 2023**

On March 13, 2023, a public meeting was held between NRR management and the Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group (PWROG) Executive Committee to discuss the top focus areas for each entity in 2023. The meeting was intended to restart periodic meetings between the two organizations, following the COVID-19 pandemic. NRR discussed its risk priorities and visual examination of containment surfaces covered by insulation. PWROG discussed material degradation operating experience, on-line monitoring programs, future of technical specifications, and risk assessment process for topical reports.

**NRC Issued Information Notice, Risk Insights from High Energy Arcing Fault Operating Experience and Analyses**

On March 10, 2023, the NRC issued Information Notice "Risk Insights from High Energy Arcing Fault Operating Experience and Analyses" (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. [ML22326A204](#)), to provide international and domestic operating experience relating to high energy arcing faults, discuss qualitative and quantitative risk insights derived from operating experience, and share information about the availability of a new probabilistic risk assessment methodology developed by the NRC in collaboration with the Electric Power Research Institute.

**Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)**  
**Items of Interest**  
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**Tanana Chiefs Conference convention in Fairbanks, Alaska**

During March 13 to 14, 2023, staff engaged in tribal outreach at the Tanana Chiefs Conference convention in Fairbanks, Alaska. Staff interacted with Tribal members and the public, providing information about the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) mission as it relates to the proposed micro reactor installation at Eielson Air Force Base. The staff provided written materials and collected contact information of members of the public and Tribes, who wanted more information about NRC's public involvement efforts. NMSS staff provided a presentation to the participants describing the NRC's licensing process and tribal outreach efforts.

**American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code Cases and Update Frequency:  
Proposed Rule; Correction; 10 CFR Part 50 (NRC-2018-0291; RIN 3150-AK23)**

On March 14, 2023, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* ([88 FR 15620](#)) correcting a notice that was published on March 6, 2023 ([88 FR 13717](#)), regarding changes to its regulations to incorporate by reference proposed revisions of three regulatory guides, which would approve new, revised, and reaffirmed code cases published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. This action made corrections to the estimated burden for the information collection.

**Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications:  
Final Rule and Guidance; 10 CFR Parts 20, 21, 26, 50, 70, 72, 73, 74, and 76  
[NRC-2011-0014; NRC-2011-0015; NRC-2011-0017; NRC-2011-0018; RIN 3150-AI 49]**

On March 14, 2023, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* ([88 FR 15864](#)) amending its regulations to implement its authority under Section 161A of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. The final rule applies to several classes of facilities as well as activities involving the transportation of radioactive material and other property designated by the NRC. The final rule also revises the physical security event notification requirements for different classes of facilities and the transportation of radioactive material to add consistency and clarity. Further, the NRC added new event notification requirements associated with the possession of enhanced weapons and imminent or actual hostile acts, and new reporting requirements for suspicious activity. The NRC also issued final implementation guidance. The final rule is effective April 13, 2023.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)  
Items of Interest  
Week Ending March 17, 2023**

<b>Document Released to Public</b>	<b>Date of Document</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. SECY-23-0016	02/24/23	Appendices K and L to NUREG/BR-0058, Revision 5, "Regulatory Analysis Guidelines of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission"
2. SECY-23-0020	02/28/23	Proposed Rule: Cost Benefit Analysis for Power Reactor Radwaste Systems (RIN 3150-AK75; NRC-2022-0048)
<b>Information</b>		
1. SECY-23-0022	03/01/23	Advanced Reactor Program Status
2. SECY-23-0024	03/15/23	Weekly Information Report Week Ending 03/03/2023
<b>Memoranda</b>		
1. Staff Requirements Memorandum M230317	03/17/23	Affirmation Session - SECY-23-0006: Susquehanna Nuclear, LLC (Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2)—Ruling on Eric Epstein's Petition to Intervene and Request for Hearing

**Commission Correspondence**

1. Letter to the Honorable Shelley Moore Capito, responds to letter regarding NRC's telework policy and associated office space issues
2. Letter to the Honorable Lloyd Doggett, responds to letter regarding request to extend the public comment period and the opportunity to request a hearing by 90 days for the Comanche Peak license renewal application
3. Letter to the Honorable Jim Justice, Governor, State of West Virginia, responds to letter of interest in pursuing an agreement between the NRC and the State of West Virginia

**Federal Register Notices Issued**

1. None