

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)
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ARRIVALS		
CAVANAUGH, STEVEN	PHYSICAL SECURITY INSPECTOR	R-III
MURIEL LUNA, TATIANA	PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST	OPA
OELSTROM, CHAD	FUEL FACILITY INSPECTOR	R-II
SCOTT, JOHN	HEALTH PHYSICIST	R-I
SPENCE, SARAH	HEALTH PHYSICIST	NMSS
TURNER, ZACHARY	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
RETIREMENTS		
BAINES III, WILLIAM W.	SENIOR REACTOR TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR	OCHCO
BURROWS, RONALD A.	SENIOR HEALTH PHYSICIST	NMSS
SIFRE, WAYNE C.	SENIOR REACTOR INSPECTOR	R-IV
DEPARTURES		
BLACK, AMANDA M.	LICENSING ASSISTANT	OIP
MCMANUS, JOSEPH D.	ATTORNEY	OGC
RIVERA, ERIC	DEPUTY ASSISTANT IG FOR AUDITS	OIG
SILVER, FELICIA BIANCA	AUDIT MANAGER	OIG

**Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
Items of Interest
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**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests¹ and Appeals
Received During the Period of March 20 – March 24, as submitted by requester**

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description	Received Date
FOIA-2023-000081	Paul, Ronal	Keches Law Group	(1) Complete copies of any and all complaints, investigate reports, witness statements, memoranda, correspondence, records, and/or other documents which refer or relate to an incident where workers came in contact with airborne radiation during a phase of the decommissioning in August of 2020, at the work site located at the above-referenced location of 600 Rocky Hill Road, Plymouth, MA 02360. (2) Complete copies of any and all citations, fines, penalties, administrative decisions, and /or other documents pertaining to any and all violations alleged or determined to have been committed in connection with the above-referenced incident. (3) Complete color prints of any and all photographs in U.S.N.R.C.'s possession, custody or control concerning, referring or relating to the above-referenced incident. (4) Complete copy of any videotape and/or DVD disc concerning any filming in U.S.N.R.C.'s possession, custody or control concerning, referring or relating to the incident referenced above.	03/20/2023

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¹ 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-2023-000082	Lyden, Tom	KMSP-TV Fox 9	We are seeking documents from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regarding a leak of tritium water on November 22, 2022, at the Monticello Nuclear Power Plant operated by Xcel Energy. The leak was first reported to the public on March 14, 2023. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/1/2022 To 3/21/2023)	03/21/2023
FOIA-2023-000084 ²	Tarver, Julian	-	Requester is seeking all emails and processing notes related to FOIA 2017-000234.	03/24/2023

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² FOIA-2023-000083 was a test case that has been deleted from FOIAXpress.

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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NRC Issues Letter Explaining the Results of Its Acceptance Review of the NuScale Standard Design Approval Application

On March 17, 2023, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a letter (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. [ML23058A160](#)) explaining the results of its acceptance review of the NuScale Standard Design Approval Application (SDAA) ([ML22339A066](#)). In the letter, staff identified technical sufficiency issues related to the phenomenon of density wave oscillation (DWO) that will require supplemental information to support the issuance of a reliable schedule. As a result, the NuScale SDAA will be considered tendered, but not docketed, until the DWO request for supplemental information is resolved. In the meantime, the staff will begin a technical review of the parts of the SDAA that are not impacted by DWO.

NRC Issues Information Notice Clarifying Reporting Requirements when a Fixed Gauge Shutter is Stuck in the Closed Position

On March 17, 2023, the NRC issued the Information Notice entitled, "Reporting Clarification when a Fixed Gauge Shutter is Stuck in the Closed Position," ([ML22326A295](#)), to inform licensees that according to the regulations, a fixed gauge shutter that is stuck in the closed position does not need to be reported.

NRC Holds Partially Closed Meeting with Holtec Decommissioning International on Proposed Regulatory Path to Restart Palisades Nuclear Generating Station

On March 20, 2023, the NRC held a partially closed meeting with Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC (HDI), to discuss the proposed regulatory path to restart Palisades Nuclear Generating Station ([ML23072A404](#)). HDI presented its plan, which involves returning the plant's operating license and licensing basis to that which existed just prior to shutting down through the use of an exemption from Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 50.82(a)(2) and a series of license amendments. The meeting was attended by over 200 people, including several reporters and representatives from Congressional offices.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Public Meeting

On March 22, 2023, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) conducted an open house and in-person environmental scoping meeting for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit 1, subsequent license renewal application. At the open house, NRC staff addressed public and media questions regarding the license renewal process and a recent tritiated water leak at Monticello. Approximately 30 members of the public and several plant representatives attended the scoping meeting. Region III staff started the meeting with a statement assuring the safety of the public, their drinking water, and the environment, and Nuclear Reactor Regulation and NMSS staff discussed the safety and environmental reviews and answered scoping process questions. A second Monticello environmental scoping meeting will be held virtually via TEAMS on March 29, 2023 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. [ML23081A504](#)).

Department of Energy Isotope Program's Virtual Roundtable on Accelerator-Produced Actinium-225

On March 21, 2023, NMSS and Region III staff, as well as an Agreement State staff from Wisconsin, presented at the Department of Energy (DOE) Isotope Program's virtual roundtable on accelerator-produced actinium (Ac)-225. The DOE is a non-commercial producer of Ac-225, which is used in targeted radiotherapy for cancer treatment. This meeting was open to the public for the purpose of presenting and answering questions on regulating Ac-225 with the Ac-227 impurity. Topics discussed included: regulatory requirements for decommissioning financial assurance, Agreement State compatibility, and NRC and Agreement State licensing experience and observations. The DOE and participants expressed their gratitude for the meeting that was attended by approximately 272 participants.

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: HI-STORM 100 Cask System, Certificate of Compliance No. 1014, Renewal of Initial Certificate and Amendment Nos. 1 through 15; 10 CFR Part 72; Proposed Rule; Reopening of Comment Period [NRC-2022-0109; RIN 3150-AK86]

On March 22, 2023, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* ([88 FR 17164](#)) reopening the public comment period for a proposed rule that was published on February 13, 2023 ([88 FR 9106](#)), to renew, for 40 years, the initial certificate and Amendment Nos. 1 through 15 of Certificate of Compliance No. 1014. The renewal of the initial certificate and Amendment Nos. 1 through 15 revises the certificate of compliance's conditions and technical specifications to address aging management activities related to the structures, systems, and components important to safety of the dry storage system to ensure that these will maintain their intended functions during the period of extended storage operations. The public comment period closed on March 15, 2023. The comment period for the document published on February 13, 2023, has been reopened. Comments are due by April 14, 2023.

Draft Regulatory Guide: Perimeter Intrusion Alarm Systems; Proposed Guide; Extension of Comment Period; 10 CFR Part 73 [NRC-2022-0157]

On March 22, 2023, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* (88 FR 17165) extending the comment period for a draft regulatory guide (DG) that was published in the *Federal Register* on February 21, 2023 (88 FR 10481) which solicited public comment on DG-5065, "Perimeter Intrusion Alarm Systems." The DG is proposed Revision 4 to Regulatory Guide 5.44 of the same name. This proposed revision describes an approach acceptable to the NRC staff for meeting intrusion detection sensors and detection methods. The public comment period was originally scheduled to close on March 23, 2023. The due date for comments requested in the document published on February 21, 2023, is extended. Comments are due by May 22, 2023.

**Office of Administration (ADM)
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Competency Modeling Support & Development

On March 22, 2023, contract number 47QREB21D0029/31310023F0025 was awarded to Kaptive LLC in Alexandria, VA. The purpose of this contract is to conduct a comprehensive review of the existing program and make program improvement recommendations to increase staff & management participation, develop new competency models, and refine & update existing models as needed. In addition, the purpose of this contract is to identify and create development opportunities for individual competencies for staff to leverage to improve their job performance. The period of performance is from March 27, 2023, through September 26, 2023, with one option period. The total potential value of the contract can be up to \$1,666,511.55.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
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Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. None		
Information		
1. SECY-23-0027	03/21/2023	Weekly Information Report Week Ending 03/10/2023
Memoranda		
1. None		

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to the Honorable Shalanda D. Young, Director, Office of Management and Budget, et al., submits the agency's Fiscal Year 2024 Congressional Budget Justification
2. Letter to the Honorable Dianne Feinstein, et al., submits the NRC's monthly Congressional Status Report for January 2023
3. Letter to the Honorable Lori Trahan, et al., responds to concerns regarding NRC's ongoing effort to establish a regulatory framework for commercial fusion energy and to pursue telework that promotes the adoption of fusion energy
4. Letter to the Honorable Gene L. Dodaro, et al., submits the summary of actions taken by NRC in response to recommendations contained in various GAO reports

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Docket No. 72-26-ISFSI-MLR; ASLBP No. 23-979-01-ISFSI-MLR-BD01