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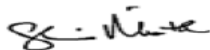
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**Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer
Items of Interest
Week Ending July 19, 2024**

ARRIVALS		
NONE		
RETIREMENTS		
NONE		
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**Office of the Chief Information Officer
Items of Interest
Week Ending July 19, 2024**

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received
During the Period of July 15 – July 19, as submitted by requester**

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description	Received Date
FOIA-2024-000206	Cronin, Shannon	WeeCare, Inc (DBA Upwards)	I am requesting access to records related to winning applications for childcare subsidy programs administered by your agency for the past five years. Specifically, I am seeking: 1. Copies of the full applications submitted by entities that were awarded contracts for childcare subsidy programs. 2. Evaluation criteria and scoring sheets used to assess these applications. 3. Any correspondence related to the selection and awarding of these contracts.	07/15/2024

**Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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X-energy

On July 15, 2024, the staff held a closed meeting with X-energy to discuss the overall civil and structural analysis methodology, which is tied to Xe-100 design changes to support Project Long Mott. X-energy discussed their intended process for developing risk-informed, performance-based structural design criteria following the Licensing Modernization Project process.

Reactor Oversight Process Public Meeting

On July 17, 2024, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff hosted a public meeting related to the Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) to discuss the development and planned implementation of a guide related to the concept of best-available information in the Significance Determination Process (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. [ML24193A342](#)), the treatment and communication of greater-than-Green Performance Indicators (PIs) in the ROP ([ML24184A170](#)), and initial insights following the first use of the Operating Experience Smart Sample on Probabilistic Risk Assessment Configuration Control. NRC staff acknowledged receipt of a white paper related to clarifications to the unplanned scrams PI ([ML24185A209](#)) and proposed next steps in the ongoing NRC staff review of draft NEI 99-02, "Regulatory Assessment Performance Indicator Guideline," Revision 8. Industry representatives provided insights into proposed topics for the next cycle of Focused Engineering Inspections. Attendees included representatives from NEI, the industry, and members of the public. The next bi-monthly public meeting on ROP-related matters is tentatively scheduled for September 25, 2024.

Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station

On July 17, 2024, staff issued license amendment No. 223 to Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3 using the Risk Informed Process for Evaluations (RIPE). Staff approved the licensee's request to modify the Completion Time for the Limiting Conditions for Operation (LCOs) of Technical Specifications 3.5.1 and 3.5.2 related to the safety injection tanks from 24 hours to 10 days and delete the second case of Condition A for those LCOs. This was NRR's first approval of the RIPE process for a license amendment request.

X-energy

On July 17, 2024, staff held a partially closed meeting with X-energy to discuss sharing of structures and systems, which is tied to Xe-100 design changes to support Project Long Mott. X-energy discussed how they are using the Licensing Modernization Project process to demonstrate that certain structures and systems can be shared between nuclear power units.

Kairos Power LLC's

On July 19, 2024, the staff issued its safety evaluation (SE) for Kairos Power LLC's construction permit (CP) application for its Hermes 2 non-power test reactor facility located in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The SE was completed 4 months ahead of the 14-month review schedule. In addition, the staff's final Environmental Assessment (EA) is on track to be issued in August

2024. The staff leveraged the recently completed Hermes 1 CP application review to identify efficiencies in the review and, as a result, the total resources for the review and issuance of the SE and EA are anticipated to be less than 60 percent of the original estimate.

**Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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Miscellaneous Corrections; Final Rule; 10 CFR Parts 50, 52, and 54 [NRC-2024-0091; RIN 3150-AL15]

On July 16, 2024, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published a notice in the *Federal Register* (89 FR 57717) amending its regulations to make miscellaneous corrections. These changes include clarifying language and correcting grammatical and typographical errors, punctuation, references, and terms. This document is necessary to inform the public of these non-substantive amendments to the NRC's regulations. This final rule is effective on August 15, 2024.

American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code Cases and Update Frequency; Final Rule; 10 CFR Part 50 [NRC-2018-0291; RIN 3150-AK23]

On July 17, 2024, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* (89 FR 58039) amending its regulations to incorporate by reference revisions of three regulatory guides to approve new, revised, and reaffirmed code cases published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). This action allows nuclear power plant licensees and applicants for construction permits, operating licenses, combined licenses, standard design certifications, standard design approvals, and manufacturing licenses to use the code cases listed in these regulatory guides as voluntary alternatives to engineering standards for the construction, inservice inspection, and inservice testing of nuclear power plant components. These engineering standards are set forth in the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and ASME Operation and Maintenance Code, which are currently incorporated by reference into the NRC's regulations. Further, this final rule announces the availability of a related regulatory guide, not incorporated by reference into the NRC's regulations, that lists code cases that the NRC has not approved for use. Finally, this rulemaking provides more flexibility to licensees by expanding the code of record interval from ten years to two consecutive inservice testing and inservice inspection intervals. This final rule is effective on August 16, 2024.

**Office of the Secretary
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Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. Commission Voting Record SECY-24-0032	07/12/2024	Revisiting the Mandatory Hearing Process at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Caputo)
2. Commission Voting Record SECY-23-0055	07/12/2024	Options for Licensing Emerging Technologies Used for Remediation of Mine Waste (Caputo)
3. Staff Requirements Memorandum SECY-24-0032	07/18/2024	Revisiting the Mandatory Hearing Process at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
4. Commission Voting Record SECY-24-0032	07/18/2024	Revisiting the Mandatory Hearing Process at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Information		
1. SECY-24-0060	07/18/2024	Weekly Information Report Week Ending July 12, 2024
Memoranda		
1. None		

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to the Honorable Tom Cole, et al., notifying Congress of a proposed reprogramming for Fiscal Year 2024
2. Letter to the Honorable Patty Murray and Chuck Fleischmann, submits the NRC's monthly Congressional Status Report for June 2024

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. None