INFORMATION REPORT

AUGUST 15, 2025

FOR: The Commissioners

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<u>SUBJECT</u>: WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT – WEEK ENDING

AUGUST 8, 2025

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Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer Items of Interest

ARRIVALS		
NONE		
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Office of the Chief Information Officer Items of Interest

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received During the Period of August 4 – August 8, as submitted by requester.

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description	Received Date
FOIA- 2025- 000654	Skroupa, James	-	< <restricted>></restricted>	08/04/2025
FOIA- 2025- 000655	Fuller, Roger	-	< <restricted>></restricted>	08/04/2025
FOIA- 2025- 000656	Konrad, Sean	-	I am requesting NRC (or predecessor AEC) records involving: • Land assessments, siting evaluations, radiological studies, and infrastructure impact reports related to the Callaway Nuclear Generating Station and its proximity to Section 35, Township 47 North, Range 9 West in Callaway County, Missouri • Federal infrastructure routing or easement planning involving high-voltage transmission corridors that have traversed and expanded across multiple decades • Any interagency coordination (NRC, DOE, Army Corps, FEMA, etc.) relating to land designation, buffer zones, infrastructure overlays, or transmission corridor planning across the 1,200-acre property • References to Konrad Construction or Alvin Richard Konrad in connection with regional construction, land acquisition, or utility work tied to civil energy infrastructure • Environmental impact studies, safety zone expansions, or mapping documentation involving private properties in direct visual proximity to the Callaway facility	08/04/2025
FOIA- 2025- 000657	Howell, Mike	The Daily Signal	Dear FOIA Officer, Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing FOIA regulations of the agency, I respectfully request documents sufficient to account for all communications sent to or from NRCExecSec@nrc.gov between January 20, 2021, and January 19, 2025, that contain the text	08/04/2025

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FOIA-			'messenger@webex.com' OR	
2025-			'dcnet.webex.com' OR 'doj.webex.com'	
000657			OR 'doj-crm.webex.com' or	
(continued)			'senate.webex.com'. Search Instructions:	
			For any potentially responsive	
			documents, please include the entire	
			communications or email chain, and all	
			file attachments. I request all responsive	
			documents be delivered electronically,	
			via email. For any responsive	
			documents, please include the entire	
			communications chain, and all file	
			attachments. To further narrow down the	
			scope of the request, requester does not	
			seek correspondence that merely	
			forwards press clippings, such as news	
			accounts or opinion pieces, newsletters,	
			and published or docketed materials, if	
			that correspondence has no comment or	
			no substantive comment added by any	
			party in the thread. The terms 'pertaining	
			to', 'referring', 'relating', or 'concerning'	
			with respect to any given subject means	
			anything that constitutes, contains,	
			embodies, reflects, identifies, states,	
			refers to, deals with, or is in any manner	
			whatsoever pertinent to that subject. The	
			term 'record' means any written,	
			recorded, or graphic matter of any nature	
			whatsoever, regardless of how recorded,	
			and whether original or copy, including,	
			but not limited to, the following:	
			memoranda, reports, expense reports,	
			books, database records, raw data,	
			manuals, instructions, financial reports,	
			working papers, records, notes, letters,	
			notices, confirmations, telegrams,	
			receipts, appraisals, pamphlets,	
			magazines, newspapers, prospectuses,	
			inter-office and intra-office	
			communications, electronic mail	
			(emails), MMS or SMS text messages,	
			instant messages, messaging systems	
			(such as IRC, WebIRC, Rocketchat,	
			Signal, iMessage, Microsoft Teams,	
			WhatsApp, Telegram, Signal, Google	
			Chat, Twitter direct messages, Lync,	
			Slack, and Facebook Messenger), contracts, cables, telexes, notations of	

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FOIA- 2025- 000657 (continued)			any type of conversation, telephone call, voicemail, meeting or other communication. Please comply fully with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b).	
FOIA- 2025- 000658	Doherty, Caitlin	PoliScio Research	I am writing to submit a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, for access to records pertaining to any collaborations, communications, contracts, agreements, projects, or engagements between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and either the OpenAI or Microsoft Corporation related to nuclear technology, nuclear safety, nuclear research, regulatory policies, artificial intelligence applications in nuclear contexts, or any other nuclear-related matters from January 1, 2022, to the present. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2022 To 07/31/2025)	08/05/2025
FOIA- 2025- 000659	Paul, Janice	-	Requester is seeking all the documents connected to Humboldt Bay Nuclear Power Plant incident on July 17, 1970, incident report. The Aerial Survey from 1971. Navy, a 40 page study; and all Navy and family to evacuate on above mentioned date. I believe there are more, as it is now decommissioned. I need all connected documents to date.	08/06/2025
FOIA- 2025- 000660	Sweatman, Julia	Good Energy Collective	Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I am requesting access to data submitted to or maintained by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission related to nuclear fuel procurement and sourcing by U.S. commercial nuclear reactors. The purpose of this request is to better understand the extent and evolution of foreign dependencies in the nuclear fuel supply chain, and how sourcing varies across each stage of the front-end fuel cycle.	08/07/2025
FOIA- 2025- 000661	Locke, Maslyn	New Mexico Environmenta I Law Center	As more specifically described in the request, all records maintained by the NRC's Office of Small Business & Civil Rights related to the agency's enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2015 To 8/8/2025)	08/08/2025

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Items of Interest

Week Ending: August 8, 2025

<u>Antares Nuclear, Inc. Submitted its Initial Regulatory Engagement Plan for the Antares</u> R1 Microreactor

On July 31, 2025, Antares Nuclear, Inc. submitted its initial Regulatory Engagement Plan (REP) (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML25212A105) for the Antares R1 microreactor. The Antares R1 is a 1.5 MWth, graphite-moderated, sodium heat pipe-cooled factory-fabricated microreactor. The REP outlines the basic design and testing strategy for the Antares R1, its general regulatory strategy (including Department of Energy (DOE) authorization), and planned pre-application activities, including white papers, technical reports, and topical reports to address design features. While the REP does not confirm a specific licensing pathway or timeframe, Antares currently expects to submit a Design Certification application.

NRC Hosted Two Public Workshops Focused on Streamlining the Operating Reactor Licensing Review Processes to Modernize our Operating Reactor Licensing Reviews to be More Efficient, Transparent, and Risk-Informed

On August 5, 2025, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) staff hosted two public workshops with Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and industry, focused on streamlining the operating reactor licensing review processes to modernize our operating reactor licensing reviews to be more efficient, transparent, and risk-informed. The first workshop focused on strengths and opportunities to expand the use of the Risk-Informed Process for Evaluations (RIPE). The staff also introduced the concept of the Generic Risk-Informed Process (GRIP), which seeks to utilize generic risk-informed criteria to determine when a licensing action that is not within the scope of a traditional probabilistic risk assessment model should be considered very low/minimal safety significant. The second workshop focused on a Graded-Approach for Streamlining the Operating Reactor Licensing Reviews, which is based on well-thought criteria, such as safety and risk significance, precedence, complexity, etc. This process is intended to implement smarter processes and targets to streamline our reviews well beyond the overall, 10% reduction in review schedules and resource use that are currently in place. These initiatives directly support the mandates of Executive Order 14300 and ADVANCE Act, Section 505. Staff received very positive feedback from NEI and industry on these initiatives.

NRC issued Information Notice 2025-04, Use of Approved Quality Assurance During Exigent Conditions

On August 6, 2025, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Information Notice 2025-04, *Use of Approved Quality Assurance During Exigent Conditions* (ML25121A128). The purpose is to notify licensees and applicants of the potential for inappropriate implementation of the Quality Assurance alternatives approved for use during exigent conditions.

NRC Staff Provided an Overview of Ongoing Agency Activities to Support the Licensing of New Nuclear Technologies at the National Governors Association 2025 New England Nuclear Policy Retreat

NRC staff provided an overview of ongoing agency activities to support the licensing of new nuclear technologies at the National Governors Association 2025 New England Nuclear Policy Retreat. The purpose of the retreat was to provide state leaders with an opportunity to explore

new nuclear power as a solution to the region's future energy needs and included participants from all 6 New England states, as well as representatives from industry, academia, and the DOE.

NRC Staff Held a Virtual Public Outreach Meeting Via Microsoft Teams to Discuss the Potential Restart of the Christopher M. Crane Clean Energy Center

On August 6, 2025, the NRC staff held a virtual public outreach meeting via Microsoft Teams to discuss the potential restart of the Christopher M. Crane Clean Energy Center (CCEC). The meeting was hosted by Region 1 and included the CCEC Restart Panel Co-Chairs and project staff from Region 1, NRR, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, and Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards. Over 140 members of the public were in attendance and the NRC staff heard comments and questions from approximately 20 participants. The virtual meeting allowed the NRC staff to engage with a broader audience that may not have been able to attend the in-person meeting near the CCEC on July 31, 2025.

NRC Issued Updated Schedule and Resource Letters with Improved Review Timelines and Resource Needs for Multiple License Renewal Reviews

On August 7, 2025, updated schedule and resource letters were issued for the license renewal reviews for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Clinton Power Station, Dresden Nuclear Power Station, H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Point Beach Nuclear Plant, and St. Lucie Plant. The staff has improved review timelines and resource needs for both safety and environmental reviews building on our experience over the past 2 years implementing the license renewal roadmap, identifying and focusing our license renewal resources on elements of the review that have the greatest impact on safety.

NRC Released Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1439, "Guidance for Technology-Inclusive Risk-Informed Change Evaluation" for Public Comment

On August 8, 2025, NRC released draft regulatory guide (RG) DG-1439, "Guidance for Technology-Inclusive Risk-Informed Change Evaluation" for a 30-day public comment period. The proposed RG describes an acceptable approach for using a technology inclusive risk-informed change evaluation process for changes to a facility described in final safety analysis reports (as updated). The RG endorses with clarifications the methodology described in NEI 22-05, Revision 0, "Technology Inclusive Risk Informed Change Evaluation (TIRICE); Guidance for the Evaluation of Changes to Facilities Utilizing NEI 18-04 and NEI 21-07" issued January 2024, as an acceptable alternative to using the criteria in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 50.59, "Changes, tests and experiments."

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Items of Interest

State of Wyoming Submitted Final Application to Amend Agreement with NRC

On August 7,2025, the State of Wyoming submitted their final application to amend their Section 274b Agreement to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Governor Gordon's letter requests that the NRC relinquish their authority to Wyoming for the regulation of source material removed from mineral resources not for its uranium or thorium content. One license would be transferred to Wyoming if the Commission approves the request.

NRC Staff Issued Disa Draft Environmental Assessment for 30-Day Public Comment Period

On August 8, 2025, NRC issued a *Federal Register* notice (90 FR 38514) to announce the availability of a draft environmental assessment (EA) (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML25216A003) for the proposed issuance of a license to Disa Technologies. The draft EA will be available for public comment for 30 days. The EA generically assesses the potential impacts of issuing a multi-site service-provider license and provides assumptions to support applicability of the Finding of No Significant Impact at each site. Before Disa mobilizes to any site, the staff will complete site-specific consultations under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The staff will also conduct limited-scope, site-specific environmental reviews when needed to supplement the generic EA.

NRC Staff Accepted the Global Laser Enrichment Application for Review

On August 4, 2025, the NRC staff completed the acceptance review and accepted the license application from Global Laser Enrichment (GLE) to construct and build the Paducah Laser Enrichment Facility (PLEF) for enriching depleted uranium feedstock up to 8-weight percent U-235. The acceptance was completed without additional requests for supplemental information due to a revised pre-application process that provided actionable feedback to the applicant prior to submittal. GLE indicated that the PLEF license application will have significant overlap to the previously approved and subsequently terminated GLE license SNM 2019. The staff will leverage this prior approval and ADVANCE Act and Executive Order efficiencies to issue the safety evaluation report and environmental impact statement within 18 months from acceptance. This schedule is at least 12 months shorter and anticipated to consume 40 percent less resources than the historical average. A mandatory hearing will follow at the completion of the review.

NRC Staff Participated in International Symposium on Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Materials

Staff from the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards and the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation participated in the <u>21st International Symposium on the Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Materials</u>, PATRAM 2025 (July 27 – August 1). Staff provided a keynote address, presented four technical papers, chaired and co-chaired technical sessions, participated on a Floating Nuclear Power Plant panel, and had numerous discussions "in the margins" about recent changes impacting the NRC. Mr. David Pstrak received the "Ron Pope Award" for his outstanding contributions to the PATRAM Planning Committee. There were over

700 participants (~55% international). The NRC is a PATRAM sponsor, along with Department of Energy and Department of Transportation. The next PATRAM symposium will be held in England (UK) in July 2028.

Office of the Secretary Items of Interest

Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject	
Decision Documents			
1. None			
Information			
1. SECY-25-0071	08/08/2025	Weekly Information Report Week Ending August 1, 2025	
Memoranda			
1. None			

Commission Correspondence

1. None

Federal Register Notices Issued

- 1. 728th Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); September 3-5, 2025
- 2. Constellation Energy Generation, LLC; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Docket Nos. 50-277-SLR-2 and 50-278-SLR-2; ASLBP No. 15-989-01-SLR-BD01
- 3. Holtec Palisades, LLC; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Docket No. 50-255-LA-5; ASLBP No. 25-990-02-LA-BD01
- 4. Abnormal Occurrence Reporting [NRC-2023-0075]