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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Exelon Generation Company, Inc., - Withdrawal of Clinton Power Station Application

On May 11, 2009, Exelon Generation Company, Inc. informed the staff that it was withdrawing its application to modify the Clinton Power Station operating license in support of the bulk isotope project (Co60 production). The application was in the acceptance review process at the time of withdrawal. The licensee informed the staff on May 13, 2009, by teleconference that it plans to revise the application and resubmit it for staff review and approval in late June 2009. If approved, the licensee plans to load Co60-producing fuel assemblies on a trial basis at Clinton during its January 2010 refueling outage.

Digital Instrumentation and Control (I&C) Workshops

On May 6 and 7, 2009, the staff held public workshops in Rockville, Maryland to discuss the application of Digital I&C systems at nuclear power plants. The May 6 workshop focused on the licensing of Digital I&C systems using the interim staff guidance (ISG) documents that were developed under the Digital I&C Steering Committee. The staff made five presentations, and the licensees for Oconee and Wolf Creek also made presentations. Following the presentations, the attendees discussed how well the ISG documents support a predictable review. The May 7 workshop focused on how Digital I&C systems may impact the processes that are in place for operating power plants. The discussions covered programs such as the Reactor Oversight Process, risk-informed technical specifications, and 50.59. The consensus is that the processes are compatible with Digital I&C, but improvements are desired. The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) plans further work through the probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) task force, and plans to update NEI guidance documents.

Fire Protection Steering Committee held a Public Meeting

On May 7, 2009, the NRC Fire Protection Steering Committee held a Category 2 public meeting to discuss fire protection topics listed in SECY 08-0171, "Plan for Stabilizing Fire Protection Regulatory Infrastructure (ML082840683)." The topics were: the review status of the pilot plants license amendment request to transition to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 805; the NFPA 805 infrastructure; and the Frequently Asked Questions related to NUREG/CR-6850, "EPRI/NRC-RES Fire PRA Methodology for Nuclear Power Facilities." Additional topics from SECY 08-0171 included: the status of the fire-induced circuit failure issue resolution; the status of post-fire operator manual actions resolution; the status of regulatory effectiveness assessment; and the collection of information related to long-term compensatory measures.

Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)
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Sealed Source and Device (SSD) Workshop Held

From May 11-15, 2009, the staff conducted a workshop to train Agreement States personnel on the registration process for SSDs. This year's session was held in Houston, Texas. The NRC's SSD team and three invited lecturers from the States of California, Louisiana, and Massachusetts made presentations. In addition to attending lectures and performing case work exercises, the participants (21 trainees from 8 States) also visited the fabrication facilities of 2 SSD suppliers and received a demonstration of portable gauges from a representative of a major gauge manufacturer.

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of May 8, 2009 through May 14, 2009:

Memorandum dated March 9, 1989, regarding Proposed Rule entitled, "Custody & Long-Term Care of Uranium Mill Tailings Sites"	FOIA/PA-2009-0164
ANP-10294P – Reactor Coolant Pump Motor Flywheel Structural Analysis, technical report	FOIA/PA-2009-0165
Indian Point, Units 1, 2 & 3, Hazard Analysis Reports, Safety Evaluation Reports or Site Evaluation Reports prepared before or during Construction license Process and/or Operating License Process, January 1, 1955, to December 31, 1976	FOIA/PA-2009-0166

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM-SECY-09-0005	05/11/09	Options for Accelerating the Completion of the Various Fire Protection Tasks and Applicable Budget Implications
Commission Voting Record on SECY-09-0005	05/11/09	(same)
2. SECY-09-0068	04/27/09	Report of the Task Force on Internal Safety Culture
3. SECY-09-0069	04/27/09	Proposed Rule: 10 CFR Part 72 License and Certificate of Compliance Terms (RIN 3150-A109)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-09-0019	02/02/09	Transfer of the Licenses for the Permanently Shutdown Zion Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, From Exelon Generation Company, LLC to ZionSolutions
2. SECY-09-0070	05/08/09	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending April 24, 2009

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Robert Cusick, Office of Government Ethics, dated May 7, 2009, advises that Stephen G. Burns has been designated as the Designated Agency Ethics Official for the NRC.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment, notice of meeting (06/01-02/2009).
2. ACRS, Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures, notice of meeting (06/02/2009).
3. Tennessee Valley Authority, Notice of Receipt of Update to Application for Facility Operating License and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 2 and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Safeguards Information for Contention Preparation, Docket No. 50-391, NRC-2008-0369.

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4. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, COGEMA Mining, Inc., Irigaray and Christensen Ranch Facilities (License Renewal for Source Materials License SUA-1341).
5. ACRS, notice of 563rd meeting (06/03-06/2009).
6. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, License Application Request of Energy Metals Corporation Antelope and JAB Uranium Project, Sweetwater County, Wyoming, and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information for Contention Preparation.

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Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 9					
OCA Contact	Date & Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses
Decker	05/12/09 419 DSOB	2:00	Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Senators Kerry / Lugar)	Energy Security: Historical Perspectives and Modern Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jimmy Carter – Former President of the United States
Decker	05/13/09 366 DSOB	10:00	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Senators Bingaman / Murkowski)	Electric Transmission Facilities; Nuclear Energy; Cybersecurity; Nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A (Mark-up)
Weil	05/13/09 2212 RHOB	2:00	House Armed Services Committee Strategic Forces Subcommittee (Representatives Tauscher / Turner)	Fiscal 2010 Defense Budget: DOE National Security Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas P. D'Agostino – Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration • Ines R. Triay – Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management • Glenn S. Podonsky – Chief Health, Safety and Security Officer, Department of Energy
Riley	05/14/09 2154 RHOB	10:00	House Oversight and Government Reform Committee (Representatives Towns / Issa)	Whistleblower Protection Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBA
Riley	05/14/09 2318 RHOB	2:00	House Science and Technology Committee (Representatives Gordon / Hall)	Science and Technology Research and Development Programs in the Fiscal 2010 Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John P. Holdren – Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy
Decker	05/14/09 (Tentative)	TBA	House Energy and Commerce Committee (Representatives Waxman / Barton)	Energy Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A (Mark-up)