

# INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of New Reactors (NRO)  
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Vendor Inspection at Creusot Forge, Le Creusot, France

During the week of July 20 through July 24, 2009, NRC staff conducted an inspection at the Creusot Forge facilities located in Le Creusot, France. Creusot Forge is an American Society of Mechanical Engineers Quality System Certificate Holder currently manufacturing reactor pressure vessel and steam generator EPR forgings for AREVA Chalon/Saint Marcel manufacturing facility on behalf of UniStar. The inspection was a routine inspection of the implementation of the Creusot Forge quality assurance and Part 21 programs for new reactor licensing. It focused on quality activities affecting current and future types of forgings that Creusot Forge has and continues to supply to U.S. utilities.

Meeting with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

On July 21, 2009, NRC staff participated in an interagency meeting with EPA Region 3 and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District staff regarding the environmental review related to the Calvert Cliffs Unit 3 combined license application. The staff discussed the environmental review schedules for Calvert Cliffs and other new reactor projects in EPA Region 3 to assist EPA in scheduling resources to facilitate timely completion of EPA's review of the draft environmental impact statements when issued. The staff also discussed a number of technical issues related to the environmental reviews and opportunities for improving interagency coordination on these issues.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)  
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National Academies Meeting on Waste Forms

On July 23, 2009, staff attended a National Academies Meeting of the Committee on Waste Forms Technology and Performance in Washington, D.C. Staff made a presentation entitled, "Development of Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Regulations for High-Level Waste Disposal at Sites other than Yucca Mountain (10 CFR Part 60): Historical Perspective." The focus of the Committee is to develop recommendations to assist the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management to make decisions for improving current methods for processing radioactive wastes, and for selecting and fabricating waste forms for disposal.

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Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)  
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Public Meeting Held in Idaho

On July 28, 2009, NRC staff held a public meeting in Bruneau, Idaho to brief members of the public about a proposal to dispose of low-activity radioactive materials at the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Subtitle C facility in Grand View, Idaho. Westinghouse Electric Co. has requested authorization to dispose of low-activity radioactive materials at the U.S. Ecology Disposal Facility in Grand View, Idaho. The waste would include small amounts of "special nuclear material" (enriched uranium and plutonium). Westinghouse has also asked the NRC to exempt U.S. Ecology from the agency's licensing requirements for radioactive byproduct material and special nuclear material. Westinghouse requested authorization to dispose of the material at U.S. Ecology through a provision of NRC regulations, 10 CFR 20.2002. The staff explained the Westinghouse proposal and the NRC's process for its review, including development of an Environmental Assessment. The staff also explained further opportunities for public involvement, including the opportunity to request an adjudicatory hearing.

Presentation in Support of National Source Tracking System (NSTS)

On July 28, 2009, FSME staff continued its planned outreach efforts in support of the NSTS. Specifically, staff attended the American Association of Physicists in Medicine meeting in Anaheim, California and gave a presentation on the status of implementation, improvements made in the credentialing process, the benefits of using the system electronically, and common errors in reporting through fax. The staff plans to continue its outreach efforts over the next few months, including a workshop targeting radiographers in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma on September 9, and during the American Society of Non-Destructive Testing meeting in October.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)  
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Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 3038 (DG-3038) “Applications for Plutonium Processing and Fuel Fabrication Facilities”

On July 27, 2009, the RES staff issued DG-3038 to provide an opportunity for public comments. The draft guide is proposed Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 3.39, which endorses the standard format and content for safety analysis reports and integrated safety analysis summaries—described in the current version of NUREG-1718, “Standard Review Plan for the Review of an Application for a Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility”—as a method that the staff finds acceptable for meeting the regulatory requirements. DG-3038 is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/fuels-materials/draft-index.html>.

Publication of DG-4015 “Preparation of Environmental Reports for Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal Applications”

On July 31, 2009, the RES staff issued DG-4015 to provide an opportunity for public comments. The draft guide is proposed Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 4.2, Supplement 1, which provides general procedures for the preparation of environmental reports submitted as part of an application for the renewal of a nuclear power plant operating license in accordance with Title 10, Part 54, “Requirements for Renewal of Operating Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants,” of the *Code of Federal Regulations*. DG-4015 is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/environmental-siting/draft-index.html>.

Office of Information Services (OIS)  
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Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Council - Working Group

On July 28, 2009, staff from the Information and Records Services Division participated in a working group of the CUI Council at the National Archives and Records Administration, the Executive Agency for implementing the Federal-wide CUI framework. This was the final meeting of the working group that has been developing the CUI-specified dissemination instructions. The meeting focused on the instruction for personally identifiable information. The final wording is still being developed by the CUI Office. The next meeting of the full CUI Council is scheduled for August 20, 2009.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of July 24, 2009 through July 30, 2009:

Most costly international airline ticket purchased by NRC during FY2009 by agency personnel stationed in the Washington, DC Metro area	FOIA/PA-2009-0233
Reactor License R-113 and Broad Scope License 05-01399-08, any documentation submitted by the U.S. Geological Survey (Department of Interior)	FOIA/PA-2009-0234
Allegation NRR-1999-A-0066, including all correspondence between named individual and NRC	FOIA/PA-2009-0235
NRC-478, "Experimental Studies on Forces of Critical Two-Phase Jets for Transverse and Longitudinal Cracks in Pipelines," dated September 1978	FOIA/PA-2009-0236
Quivira Mining Company, Ambrosia Lake facility, Grants, New Mexico, all records regarding 2005 Surety Estimate and 2005 Mill Area Organic Contamination Characterization Study	FOIA/PA-2009-0237
AREVA/BEA cask, all correspondence including communications between Battelle Energy Alliance and NRC regarding design of a new research reactor spent fuel cask, subsequent to July 18, 2008	FOIA/PA-2009-0238
Reactor license renewal or decommissioning funding assurance for reactors, calendar years 2007, 2008, and 2009, all communications and records of discussion with listed staff, individuals, and organizations	FOIA/PA-2009-0239

Office of Human Resources (HR)  
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<b>Arrivals</b>		
Ferrer, Nathaniel	Project Manager	NRR
Holter, Timothy	Criminal Investigator	OIG
Johnson, Jessica	Student Clerk	OI
Matos-Marin, Alfredo	Construction Inspector (NSPDP)	RII
Mattern, Kevin	Reactor Operations Analyst	NRO
Poston-Brown, Martha	Health Physicist	RIV
Proffitt, Joseph	General Engineer (NSPDP)	NRR
Schwieg, Mark	Resident Inspector	RII
Siu, Carolyn	Secretary (OA)	RES
Thoman, Raymond	Senior Labor & Employee Relations Specialist	HR
Tripp, Lester	Health Physicist	RI
<b>Retirements</b>		
Augustino, Carol	IT Specialist (Network/Systems Administrator)	OIS
Bennington, Gloria	Licensing Assistant	NSIR
Davis, Brenda	Licensee Fee Specialist	NRR
Fliegel, Myron	Senior Project Manager	FSME
McArthur, Joann	Criminal Investigator	OI
Michael, Beverly	Operator Licensing Assistant	RII
Winsberg, Kathryn	Assistant GC For New Reactor Programs	OGC
<b>Departures</b>		
Broche, Gabriel	Student Engineer	NRR
Hunter, Karen	Secretary (OA)	RII
Koonce, Anthony	Resident Inspector (PWR)	RI
Lapp, Christopher	Reactor Systems Engineer	RES
McCray, Tennille	Mail and File Clerk	RII
Minarik, Anthony	Student Engineer	NRO
Pando, Jaime	Law Clerk	FSME
Pryer, Kevin	Criminal Investigator	OI
Richardson-Jenkins, Melissa	Program Analyst	SBCR
Tse, Anthony	Senior Management Analyst	OIS
Woods, Mary	Student Facilities Security Assistant	ADM

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Office of Public Affairs (OPA)  
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OPA Received Significant Media Inquiries on the Following

A special inspection that took place at the Gamma Knife Center of the Pacific (Honolulu, Hawaii) because a patient received a larger than prescribed radiation dose during treatment for brain cancer.

The introduction of a bill by Representative Markey and Upton to support production of medical radioisotope Molybdenum-99 in the United States.

Funding cuts in Congress and Senator Reid's press release on the Yucca Mountain repository.

Small reactor reviews by the NRC.

Other Public Affairs Items

The OPA gave Scripps Howard News Service an interview on scrap metal contamination.

<b>Press Releases</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b>	
09-129	NRC to Brief Public on Westinghouse Request to Dispose of Radioactive Waste in Idaho (7/27)
09-130	NRC Seeks Input on Proposed Rule Revisions to the Environmental Protection Regulations and Revised Generic Environmental Impact Statement for Nuclear Plant License Renewals (7/31)
<b>Regions:</b>	
IV-09-027	NRC Conducting Special Inspection at Gamma Knife Center of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii (7/27)
II-09-024	NRC Staff Issues Confirmatory Order to Radiation Safety Officer at Kentucky Veterans Affairs Facility (7/31)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)  
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
<b>Memoranda</b>		
1. SRM-M090731	07/31/09	Staff Requirements – Affirmation Session: I. SECY-09-0076 – Southern Nuclear Operating Co. (Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4), LBP-09-3 (Ruling on Standing and Contention Admissibility)

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Proposed rule, 10 CFR Part 51, Revisions to Environmental Review for Renewal of Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses.
2. Final rule; correcting amendment, 10 CFR Part 26, Fitness for Duty Programs.
3. Exelon Generating Company, LLC., Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination and Opportunity for a Hearing and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information for Contention Preparation, Docket Nos. 50-454, 50-455, 50-456, and 50-457.
4. Proposed rule, 10 CFR Part 31, Limiting the Quantity of Byproduct Material in a Generally Licensed Device.
5. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, Tennessee Valley Authority (Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 2), Docket No. 50-391.

Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)  
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 19					
OCA Contact	Date & Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses
Riley	07/28/09 366 DSOB	10:00	Senate Energy and Natural Resources (Senators Bingaman / Murkowski)	Hearings to consider the following nominations: - Wilma A. Lewis to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management - Richard G. Newell to be Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Energy Department - Robert V. Abbey to be Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Riley	07/30/09 406 DSOB	10:00	Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (Senators Boxer / Inhofe)	Climate Change and National Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Former Senator John W. Warner, R-VA, 1978-2007, also Undersecretary of the Navy, 1969-72, and Secretary of the Navy, 1972-74</li> <li>• Dennis McGinn – Member, Military Advisory Board, Center for Naval Analyses</li> <li>• Jonathan Powers – Chief Operating Officer, Truman National Security Project</li> <li>• David B. Rivkin – Partner, Baker Hostetler</li> </ul>