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*No input this week.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Fire Protection Meeting on National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

On November 19, 2009, staff held a Category 2 public meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) NFPA Standard 805 Task Force, other stakeholders, and the public to discuss the FAQs related to licensees' adoption of NFPA 805. The staff began holding these monthly public meetings in July 2006 and expects to continue holding them at least throughout the transition period for the pilot plants adopting NFPA 805.

Issuance of the Renewed Operating Licenses for Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2

On November 24, 2009, the operating licenses for Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2, were renewed authorizing operation for an additional 20 years beyond the original license expiration date. The new expiration date is July 17, 2042, for Unit 1, and March 23, 2044, for Unit 2. The staff completed the review as documented in the safety evaluation report, NUREG-1931, published November 2009, and the supplemental environmental impact statement, NUREG-1437, Supplement 35, published March 2009. The issuance of the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2, renewed licenses, brings the total number of renewals to 59 reactor units.

Office of Administration (ADM)
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Shuttle Bus Support Services

On November 24, 2009, as a result of a negotiated procurement under the 8(a) Section of the Small Business Act, a fixed priced contract (NRC-10-10-375) was awarded to Blue Ridge Limousine and Tour Service, Inc. in Springfield, Virginia, for NRC Headquarters shuttle bus support services. The contractor will provide local transportation via shuttle buses to various NRC Headquarters locations and to special events. The period of performance is one base year from December 1, 2009, through November 30, 2010, with two option periods. The total estimated cost of the contract, inclusive of options, is \$2,662,536.78.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of November 20, 2009, through November 25, 2009:

Office of Investigations case 1-2008-029, transcripts of interviews	FOIA/PA-2010-0054
Allegation RIV-2007-A-0093, specific records	FOIA/PA-2010-0055
SECY-09-0087, Final Rule Establishing Criminal Penalties for the Unauthorized Introduction of Weapons Into Facilities Designated by NRC and related rulemaking in <i>Federal Register</i>	FOIA/PA-2010-0056
Heyden Chemical Corporation, historical licensing and docket files for facilities in Princeton and Garfield, New Jersey	FOIA/PA-2010-0057
Nuclear activities inside Burma, 2002-2009. Any record or evidence of intentions to create nuclear weapons, underground storage in regard to nuclear matters	FOIA/PA-2010-0058

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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ARRIVALS		
Lapinsky, George	Human Factors Specialist (Reemployed)	NRR
DEPARTURES		
Commiskey, John	Health Physicist	RI

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Office of Enforcement (OE)
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Executive Director for Operations (EDO) Decision on Differing Professional Opinion (DPO)
2008-001 Appeal: Closure Process for Generic Safety Issue (GSI)-191

On November 20, 2009, the EDO issued a decision on the appeal of DPO 2008-001. The DPO submitted on October 1, 2008, stated that the closing approach to GSI-191 has resulted in an unnecessary review focused on compliance instead of the determination of the underlying safety issue. Furthermore, the DPO stated that the approach is inconsistent with Commission guidance on efficiency and focuses on non-safety significant issues. The DPO suggested that the NRC should defer compliance determination until a later date and that GSI-191 should be effectively closed.

To address GSI-191 closure, the NRC issued Generic Letter (GL) 2004-02, which required licensees to conduct analysis and perform modifications as necessary to assure long-term recirculation capacity of the emergency core cooling and core spray systems. The Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation DPO Panel concluded that the staff's approach for resolving GSI-191 was appropriately focused and consistent with Commission guidance. In his decision, the EDO stated that the approach could have been better and that there are lessons to be learned. The EDO concluded that the staff continues to make progress towards the ultimate closure of GSI-191, and there is no compelling reason to change the agency's approach.

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

The report that 33 Cuban refugees arrived by boat near the Turkey Point nuclear power plant in Florida.

The license renewal application submission for the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant in California.

Unusual Event declared at Beaver Valley Unit 2, in Pennsylvania, based on a loss of reactor coolant.

Radiation monitoring alarms and worker contamination reported at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant in Pennsylvania.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA coordinated an interview with the Office of Human Resource staff and Federal News Radio to discuss NRC's new contract with its labor union that included significant new work schedule flexibilities for employees.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
09-190	2009 NRC Renews Operating Licenses for Susquehanna Nuclear Power Plant for an Additional 20 Years (11/24)
09-191	NRC to Conduct Public Seminar on Government Contracting December 3 in Rockville, Maryland (11/27)
Regions:	
I-09-046	NRC Monitoring Company's Response to Three Mile Island 1 Nuclear Plant Contamination Event (11/23)
II-09-064	NRC Issues Confirmatory Orders to Nuclear Fuel Services and its Contract Physician (11/24)
II-09-065	NRC Issues Order Modifying Construction Authorization for Mixed Oxide Facility (22/52)
III-09-034	NRC Names New Resident Inspector at Fermi Nuclear Power Plant (11/24)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Memoranda		
1. M091110	11/23/09	Staff Requirements – Briefing on NRC International Programs

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Senator Thomas Carper, et al., dated November 19, 2009, provides the NRC's semiannual report on the status of its licensing and other regulatory activities.
2. Letter to Rep. Edward Markey, dated November 17, 2009, responds to letter expressing concerns about NRC's regulation involving the treatment of patients with radioisotopes.
3. Letter to the President, Congress, and GAO, dated November 16, 2009, provides NRC's Fiscal Year 2009 Performance and Accountability Report.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board; U.S. Army Installation Command (Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii, and Pohakuloa Training Area, Island of Hawaii, Hawaii).