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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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License Renewal Application for Diablo Canyon Power Plant

On January 8, 2010, the staff completed the acceptance review of the license renewal application for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Units 1 and 2. The staff determined that the application contains sufficient information for docketing. On November 24, 2009, the staff received the license renewal application from Pacific Gas and Electric Company, requesting the extension of the operating licenses for an additional 20 years beyond the current 40-year terms, pursuant to 10 CFR Parts, 51 and 54. Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, are pressurized water reactors designed by Westinghouse with current operating licenses that expire at midnight on November 2, 2024, and August 26, 2025, respectively. The staff plans to hold public information sessions near the plant site in the near future to describe the license renewal process.

Meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute Regarding Pressurized-Water Reactor Licensees

On January 13, 2010, the staff held a public phone conference with representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute and interested licensees to discuss staff plans to issue requests for information in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(f) to pressurized-water reactor licensees who referenced certain technical reports as part of addressing Generic Letter 2004-02, which pertains to pressurized-water reactor emergency core cooling system sump performance. The reports in question are intended to justify licensee use of a reduced zone of influence. Certain staff concerns regarding these reports have not been resolved.

Meeting with Boiling Water Reactor Owners Group (BWROG)

On January 14, 2010, the staff met with representatives of BWROG to discuss the BWROG planned approach to addressing in vessel impacts of debris that might bypass the emergency core cooling system strainers in a boiling water reactor.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Withdrawal of Regulatory Guide (RG) 7.5, "Administrative Guide for Obtaining Exemptions from Certain NRC Requirements over Radioactive Material Shipments"

On January 12, 2010, staff published a *Federal Register* Notice announcing the withdrawal of RG 7.5 titled, "Administrative Guide for Obtaining Exemptions from Certain NRC Requirements over Radioactive Material Shipments." The RG provided guidance on obtaining a modification, waiver, or exemption from the NRC-imposed Department of Transportation regulations via 10 CFR 71.5(b). NRC is withdrawing RG 7.5 because the guidance is no longer needed.

Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 8037 (DG-8037) "Information Relevant to Ensuring that Occupational Radiation Exposures at Medical Institutions will be as Low as is Reasonably Achievable"

On January 14, 2010, staff issued DG-8037 to provide an opportunity for public comments. The draft guide is proposed Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide 8.18, which is directed specifically toward medical licensees and recommends methods that the NRC staff considers acceptable to maintain occupational exposures as low as is reasonably achievable in medical institutions. DG-8037 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/occupational-health/draft-index.html>.

Office of Administration (ADM)
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NRC Acquisition Organizational Assessment

On January 6, 2010, as a result of a non-competitive acquisition under the General Services Administration Federal Supply Schedule, a labor hour task order (NRC-DR-10-10-393) was awarded to Ernst & Young in McLean, Virginia for an acquisition organizational assessment and recommendations. The period of performance is January 6, 2010, through January 5, 2011. The total price for this order is \$963,676.36.

Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials; Notice of Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking, 10 CFR Part 32 (PRM-32-6, NRC-2009-0547)

On January 12, 2010, the NRC published a notice of receipt (75 FR 1559) requesting comments on a petition for rulemaking dated November 6, 2009, filed by the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials. The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its regulations and/or guidance to improve the labeling and accountability of tritium exit signs. The petition has been assigned Docket No. PRM-32-6. The comment period closes March 29, 2010.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of January 8, 2010, through January 14, 2010:

FOIA case log for calendar year 2009	FOIA/PA-2010-0097
Federal Information Security Management Act – Office of the Chief Information Officer and Office of the Inspector General reports, 2003-2009	FOIA/PA-2010-0098
Kidde Combustion Research Center, 90 Brook Street, Holliston, Massachusetts 01746, all documents	FOIA/PA-2010-0099
Kidde-Fenwal Inc., 400 Main Street, Ashland, Massachusetts 01721, all documents	FOIA/PA-2010-0100
Kirtland Air Force Base, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, companies or businesses that currently have radioactive material licenses/permits within the city of Albuquerque and surrounding cities	FOIA/PA-2010-0101

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Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Banks, Mark	ENGINEER (TECHNICAL ADVISOR)	OIG
Berkowitz, Donna	SENIOR CONTRACT SPECIALIST	ADM
Coco, Paul	GENERAL ENGINEER	NRO
Fenstermacher, Amy	STUDENT (CO-OP)	OIP
Hylton, Etoy	LICENSING ASSISTANT	NRR
Marston, Keisha	IT SPECIALIST	CSO
Mendez Gonzalez, Sandra	FUEL FACILITY INSPECTOR (NSPDP)	RII
Departures		
Geer, Betty	IT SPECIALIST	RI
Gibbs, Russell	BRANCH CHIEF	NRR
Hiser, Matthew	STUDENT ENGINEER	RES
Janis, Daniel	STUDENT PROGRAM ANALYST (CO-OP)	CFO
Jaxheimer, Frederick	SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR	RI
Johnsonbell, Nyah	STUDENT TRAINEE (IT SPEC)	RIV
Laplante, Erica	LAW CLERK	ASLBP
Le, Sophie	STUDENT SCIENTIST	FSME
Martin, Mark	PHYSICAL SECURITY INSPECTOR	RIII
Peters, Eugene	BRANCH CHIEF	NMSS
Saracino, Erik	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OIG
Yang, Chuang-yeh	OPERATIONS MANAGER	NRR

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

Status of the groundwater contamination involving a recent tritium leak at Vermont Yankee nuclear plant in Brattleboro, Vermont.

Deferred status of the construction permits for the Bellefonte nuclear plant units in Hollywood, Alabama.

NRC perspective on the status of the contract negotiations involving plant workers at Indian Point nuclear power plant in New York.

NRC's civil penalty proposed against B & W Fuel Company in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Press release issued by Congressman Markey to launch an investigation into pipes buried beneath nuclear power plants.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA coordinated an interview with *Energy Washington* and *Inside NRC* with NRC staff to discuss the recently issued cyber security regulations guide.

OPA supported a public meeting on low-level waste blending and reached out to a reporter for the *Salt Lake Tribune* who mischaracterized the public meeting as a hearing that is actually part of the agency's information gathering effort as staff develops a paper for the Commission.

Minnesota Public Radio interviewed NRC staff about the substantive cross-cutting issues in the area of human performance at the Prairie Island nuclear plant in Minnesota.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
10-014	NRC's Yucca Mountain Board to Hold Oral Arguments in Las Vegas January 26-27 (1/14)
10-013	NRC Invites Additional Nominations for the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (1/14)
10-012	NRC Moves Unfinished Bellefonte Reactors to Deferred Status (1/14)
10-011	2010 NRC Offers Public Opportunity to Intervene in GE-Hitachi Uranium Enrichment Plant Application (1/14)
10-010	Registration Opens for NRC Regulatory Information Conference March 9-11 in Rockville, Maryland (1/13)
10-009	NRC'S Advisory Committee On Reactor Safeguards Elects Chairman, Vice Chairman And Member-At-Large (1/13)

10-008	Remarks of NRC Chairman Jaczko at the NRC Security Briefings (1/12)
10-007	NRC Seeks Input on Open Government Initiative (1/11)
10-006	NRC Invites Nominations for Advisory Committee on Medical Use of Isotopes (1/11)
10-005	NRC and The North American Electric Reliability Corporation Coordinate their Responsibilities for Cyber Security Requirements (1/11)
10-004	NRC Announces Opportunity for Hearing on Application to Renew Operating Licenses for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (1/11)
Regions:	
I-10-002	NRC Staff to Meet With Constellation on January 19 in Baltimore to Discuss Performance of Company's Nuclear Plant Fleet (1/13)
I-10-001	NRC Names New Resident Inspector at Oyster Creek Nuclear Plant (1/11)
II-10-002	NRC Proposes \$32,500 Civil Penalty for Babcock & Wilcox in Lynchburg(1/12)
IV-10-001	NRC to Hold Public Meeting To Discuss Results of Special Inspection at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant (1/11)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-10-0004	01/15/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending January 8, 2010
Memoranda		
1. M091208	01/13/10	Staff Requirements – Briefing on the Proposed Rule: Enhancements to Emergency Preparedness Regulations

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Senator Byron Dorgan, dated January 8, 2010, provides a report on the NRC's process for reviewing applications for combined licenses for new nuclear power plants.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on AP1000, Revision to February 2-3, 2010, ACRS Meeting *Federal Register* Notice.
2. ACRS, notice of the 569th meeting (02/04-06/2010).
3. Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., Entergy Nuclear Indian Point 2, LLC, Entergy Nuclear Indian Point 3, LLC, Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3, Docket Nos. 50-247 & 50-286, Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity to Request a Hearing, and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI), NRC-2010-0006.
4. Notice of Acceptance for Docketing of the Application, Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-80 and DPR-82 for an Additional 20-year Period, Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to SUNSI for Contention Preparation, Docket Nos. 50-275 and 50-323, NRC-2009-0552.