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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Fire Induced Circuit Failure Workshop

From February 9-10, 2010, the staff attended an NEI Fire Induced Circuit Failure Workshop in Bonita Springs, Florida. The subjects discussed included NEI 00-01 Rev. 2, "Guidance for Post-Fire Safe Shutdown Circuit Analysis," and RG 1.189, Rev. 2, "Fire Protection for Nuclear Power Plants."

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company Announced

On February 11, 2010, the Board of Directors of both FirstEnergy and Allegheny Energy unanimously approved an agreement for the companies to combine, creating an electric utility system serving more than six million customers in seven states. The new company will have more than 24,000 megawatts of generating capacity and about \$16 million in annual revenues, based on 2009 earnings. The company will keep the FirstEnergy name and will remain headquartered in Akron, Ohio. The merger is expected to take from 12 to 14 months to complete and will include approvals by shareholders and state and federal regulators.

Public Phone Meeting Held with H. B. Robinson Licensee

On February 18, 2010, NRR staff held a public phone conference with the licensee for H. B. Robinson Unit 2 to discuss the licensee's planned responses to an NRC staff request for additional information regarding Generic Letter 2004-02, "Pressurized Water Reactor Sump Performance."

Office of New Reactors (NRO)
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Issuance of a Revised Safety Review Schedule for the Areva U.S. Evolutionary Pressurized Reactor (EPR) Design Certification

By letter dated February 16, 2010, the staff notified AREVA NP, Inc. of a change to the U.S. EPR design certification public milestone schedule for safety review. The new milestone date to issue the final safety evaluation report with no open items is December 2011. This represents a 6 month delay from the current review schedule. The review areas that necessitated the change in the review schedule include the sump design, human factors engineering, instrumentation and control design, spent fuel storage racks, and the development of a new soil-structure interaction analysis model for the nuclear island (critical path). The change in the review schedule does not impact the review schedule of the Calvert Cliffs reference combined license application review.

Issuance of a Revised Safety Review Schedule for the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant Combined License

By letter dated February 17, 2010, the staff notified PPL Bell Bend, LLC, that it has issued a revised schedule related to a major design change, the relocation of the referenced U.S. EPR nuclear island, on the Bell Bend site. The new milestone date to issue the final safety evaluation report with no open items is August 2012. This represents a 5 month delay from the current review schedule and is one month after the Calvert Cliffs milestone to issue a safety evaluation report with no open items.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Workshop Held on Uncertainties in Ground Motion Prediction and Next Generation Attenuation Relationships for the Central and Eastern United States (NGA-East) Working Group Meetings at the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center

From February 8-12, 2010, RES staff visited the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center to hold a series of workshops and working group meetings associated with the NGA-East project. The NGA-East project is a major research initiative led by NRC and jointly funded with the U.S. Department of Energy, the Electric Power Research Institute, and the U.S. Geological Survey. The highlight of the week of meetings was the "Sigma Workshop" held at the University of California, Berkeley. This workshop was focused on presenting state-of-the-art research on uncertainties in ground motion prediction and on determining additional opportunities for addressing uncertainties in the future. The workshop was attended by about 100 participants, both in person and over a Webcast, including participants from RES and the Office of New Reactors, as well as the International Atomic Energy Agency. The workshop videos will be made available to NRC staff.

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Secure Information Sharing Workshop

On February 17, 2010, OIS staff attended a workshop on Secure Information Sharing hosted by the Government Technology Research Alliance, Washington, DC. Guest speakers at the workshop included representatives of PKH Enterprises and Titus Labs (TL). Presentations included an overview of the Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Framework initiative and an overview of TL's software used for placing protective markings on documents and e-mails so that they can be automatically categorized and screened based on their sensitivity. Staff learned about the potential use of the TL software with regard to categorizing and marking CUI documents and e-mails.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of February 15, 2010, through February 18, 2010:

NRC mailing list; only U.S. records	FOIA/PA-2010-0131
Nuclear Safety Review Board reports related to Byron Nuclear Generation Station issued in 2009 or 2010 (Docket numbers 05000454 and 05000455)	FOIA/PA-2010-0132
Atomic Energy Commission and Indian Point Nuclear Power Plants Units 1, 2, and 3, all documentation	FOIA/PA-2010-0133
NRC reports prepared by the transition team and Commission during November 2008 and January 2009	FOIA/PA-2010-0134
Material License Tracking System for Harris County, Texas	FOIA/PA-2010-0135
Lockheed Martin's Standard Forms 294 and 295 from 2005 to present for contract GS35F4524/NRC3301182002	FOIA/PA-2010-0136
U.S. Army Yakima Firing Center/Yakima Training Center; Air, soil, water, and uranium testing and studies from January 1, 1970, to present, all documentation	FOIA/PA-2010-0137

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Anooshehpoor, Abdolrasool	Seismologist	RES
Burgess, Bruce	Consultant	RII
Burgess, Sonia	Senior Project Manager	RII
Cruz-Perez, Luis	Mechanical Engineer (NSPDP) (RTD)	NMSS
Daibes Figueroa, Said	Health Physicist	FSME
Desai, Kulin	Reactor Systems Engineer	NRR
Henderson, Christopher	Reactor Operations Engineer	NRR
Marquez, Stephanie	Student Engineer (NSPDP)	RIV
Mayros, Lauren	Licensing Officer (International)	OIP
Rivera-Sanchez, Aixamar	Budget Analyst	FSME
Smith, Steven	Construction Inspector	RII
Susco, Jeremy	Project Manager	NRR
Thompson, Tamra	Senior Instructional Systems Splst	HR
Wright, Linda	Senior Management Analyst	OIS
Departures		
Cave, Christine	QA Program Analyst	SBCR

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

Recent leaks found at Vermont Yankee nuclear plant in Brattleboro, Vermont, questions on the NRC oversight role and groundwater contaminations reviews.

Following President Obama's loan guarantee announcement, details on the overall new reactor licensing process and information on the estimated cost for NRC's review of new reactor applications.

Current status of NRC review of the U.S. Department of Energy's application for the proposed Yucca Mountain repository for high-level radioactive waste.

Inquiries of the recent trip that shut down reactors at the Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant in Maryland due to partial loss of off-site power.

Details about Westinghouse's AP1000 new reactor design and NRC's concerns about the shield building.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA coordinated media interviews following NRC Chairman Gregory Jaczko's presentation at an industry conference organized by Platts, where he spoke largely on materials issues and briefly on the recent tritium leak issues at Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant in Vermont.

OPA coordinated an interview between staff and *Philadelphia Inquirer* newspaper about NRC's response to Veterans Affairs' recent letter that proposed to retract the majority of medical events the hospital reported based on new definitions for a medical event recommended by a "Blue Ribbon Panel" of doctors and whether this proposal would affect the NRC's current process for determining enforcement actions.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
10-029	NRC Issues Summary of Performance and Financial Information for Fiscal Year 2009 (02/17/10)
10-030	NRC Announces Selection of New Member of the Advisory Committee on Medical Uses of Isotopes (02/17/10)
10-031	NRC Seeks Public Input on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Cooper Nuclear Plant License Renewal; Meetings Scheduled (02/18/10)
10-032	Remarks of NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko Program at the Program Briefing from NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (02/18/10)

Regions:	
IV-10-003	NRC to Conduct Environmental Scoping Meeting as Part of the License Renewal Application for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant (02/19/10)

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. COMDEK-09-0001	08/03/09	Revisiting the Paradigm for Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Regulatory Programs
SRM on COMDEK-09-0001	02/18/10	(same)
Commission Voting Record on COMDEK-09-0001	02/18/10	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-10-0009	01/26/10	Internal Safety Culture Update
2. SECY-10-0003	01/12/10	2009 Annual Report on Commission Adjudication
3. SECY-10-0019	02/16/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending February 5, 2010
4. SECY-10-0015	02/01/10	Second Annual Status of Reactivation of Construction and Licensing for the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 2
5. SECY-10-0016	01/28/10	Redelegation of Authority by the Executive Director for Operations to the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, to Approve Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.55a Rulemakings
Memoranda		
1. M100119	02/18/10	Staff Requirements Memorandum – Briefing on the NRC Enforcement and Allegations Programs

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant Operations and Fire Protection, notice of meeting (03/03/10).
2. ACRS, Planning and Procedures Subcommittee Meeting, notice of meeting (03/03/10).
3. ACRS, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Power Uprates, notice of meeting (03/03/10).

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4. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Evolutionary Pressurized Reactors, notice of meeting (03/03/10).
5. ACRS, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Advanced Boiling Water Reactor, notice of meeting (03/02/10).

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Region II (RII)
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Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) – Annual FPL/NRC Interface Meeting

On February 17-18, 2010, the Regional Administrator attended the annual FPL/NRC Industry Interface meeting in Juno Beach, Florida.

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