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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Pre-licensing Meeting with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

On March 3, 2010, representatives of PG&E met with the staff to discuss the proposed digital instrumentation and control upgrade of the Eagle 21 system. The Eagle 21 system provides trip status and parameter input signals to the Solid State Protection System (SSPS), which provides the reactor trip and engineered safety component actuation functions. The licensee expects to submit a license amendment for the proposed modification in May 2011, which is about 20 months later than originally projected. The current analog SSPS will continue in service pending NRC approval of the proposed amendment.

Acceptance of Surry and LaSalle Measurement Uncertainty Recapture Power Uprates

By separate applications, both dated January 27, 2010, the licensees for Surry Units 1 and 2 and LaSalle Units 1 and 2 requested 1.6% measurement uncertainty recapture (MUR) power uprates using the Cameron CheckPlus™ Leading Edge Flow Meter system. By letter dated March 4, 2010, (for Surry), and e-mail dated March 5, 2010, (for LaSalle), NRC informed these licensees that their applications provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical reviews. The applications request NRC approval by August 31, 2010, (for Surry) and November 29, 2010, (for LaSalle). NRC's standard review time for a MUR power uprate is 6 months after acceptance of the application.

Public Telephone Conference with Waterford Licensee

On March 8, 2010, the staff held a public telephone conference meeting with the licensee for Waterford to discuss the licensee's planned responses to a staff request for additional information regarding Generic Letter 2004-02, "Pressurized Water Reactor Sump Performance."

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Second European MELCOR User Group (EMUG) 2010 Annual Technical Meeting

On March 1-2, 2010, RES staff and Sandia National Laboratory attended the subject EMUG international meeting and made presentations on the status of MELCOR development and code applications (ML100540003). The meeting was organized and sponsored by Nuclear Research Institute and Czech Republic State Office for Nuclear Safety in collaboration with NRC and Paul Sherrer Institute in Switzerland. The purpose of the meeting was to exchange technical information on MELCOR code applications and user experience. A total of 42 participants from various organizations in 12 countries attended the meeting and made 22 presentations.

Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 1242 (DG-1242) "Service Level I, II, and III Protective Coatings Applied to Nuclear Power Plants"

On March 9, 2010, RES staff issued DG-1242 to provide an opportunity for public comments. The draft guide is proposed Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide 1.54 that describes acceptable methods to monitor the effectiveness of maintenance for Category I, II, and III protective coatings in nuclear power plants. DG-1242 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/draft-index.html>.

Office of Administration (ADM)
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Alternate Fracture Toughness Requirements for Protection against Pressurized Thermal Shock Events: Final Rule; Correcting Amendment, 10 CFR Part 50 (RIN 3150-A101, NRC-2007-0008)

On February 8, 2010, the NRC published a final rule (75 FR 10410) in the *Federal Register* revising its regulations to add a table that was inadvertently omitted in a correction document (75 FR 5495) published on February 3, 2010. The February 3, 2010, document corrected a final rule (75 FR 13) published on January 4, 2010, that amends the NRC's regulations to provide alternate fracture toughness requirements for protection against pressurized thermal shock events for pressurized water reactor pressure vessels. The correction is effective March 8, 2010, and is applicable to February 3, 2010, the date the original rule became effective.

Nuclear Energy Institute, Denial of Petition for Rulemaking; 10 CFR Part 73 (PRM-73-14, NRC-2009-0493)

On March 8, 2010, the NRC published a notice (75 FR 10444) in the *Federal Register* denying a petition for rulemaking submitted by the Nuclear Energy Institute. The petitioner requested that the NRC amend the compliance date for specific requirements in the NRC's physical protection regulations for nuclear power plants. The NRC denied the petition because there is not sufficient time before the compliance date of March 31, 2010, to allow the NRC to collect and analyze the data necessary to complete an adequate notice and comment rulemaking.

Technical Assistance for Quality Assurance Review Support of License Renewal Applications

On March 9, 2010, as a result of a noncompetitive acquisition, a cost plus fixed-fee type contract (NRC-03-10-070) was awarded to Southwest Research Institute, Inc. in San Antonio, Texas to provide technical assistance to the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation in the area of quality assurance for the review and evaluation of License Review Applications. The period of performance is from March 9, 2010, through September 28, 2012, with one 1-year option period. The total value is \$873,502.00, which is inclusive of all options.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of March 5, 2010, through March 11, 2010:

Attendance by any member of the Office of the Inspector General at the NOBLE conference from January 1, 2005-present and the 2007-2008 Bahamas trip to include approval and budget documentation to the NOBLE activity, any and all documents	FOIA/PA-2010-0156
11-02-2009 National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health data capture copies request-referral from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	FOIA/PA-2010-0157
Candidate evaluation certification and selection records; application package on job announcement OI-2010-0001 for named individual	FOIA/PA-2010-0158
Incident regarding named individual on December 16, 2009; including all records from September 1, 2009, to present	FOIA/PA-2010-0159
Employee awards, 2004 to present, specific data	FOIA/PA-2010-0160
Byron Nuclear Generating Station, all Nuclear Safety Review Board Reports, 2008, 2009 and 2010 regarding security issues and facility operator reports to NRC	FOIA/PA-2010-0161
R1-2008-A-0094, all documents	FOIA/PA-2010-0162
Solicitation #RS4209015 under the Enterprise Acceptance Transformational Service Program, awarded contract	FOIA/PA-2010-0163
Power plant fire protection, list of attributes which the NRC has developed concerning manual actions, and plants based upon application	FOIA/PA-2010-0164

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Cunanan, Arthur	Project Manager	NRR
Douglas, Christopher	Project Engineer - Resident Inspector Program	RI
Hogan, Alfred	Criminal Investigator	OIG
Kreuter, Jane	Administrative Assistant	OIP
Lee, John	Criminal Investigator (Network Intrusions)	OIG
Nguyen, Caroline	Senior Financial Analyst	NRR
Nieh, Ho	Deputy Director	EDO
Rivera, Christian	Administrative Assistant	NRO
Robinson II, Richard	Administrative Assistant	NRO
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Lipuma, Anthony	Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits	OIG
Sullivan, Edmund	Senior Level for Materials Science and Engineering Mechanic	NRR

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

Terror suspect from New Jersey arrested in Yemen who had worked at five different nuclear power plant sites in the Northeastern U.S. from 2002 to 2008.

Reported steam leak at the Indian Point nuclear power plant in Buchanan, New York.

Spent fuel storage management post Yucca Mountain.

Unusual event triggered by a small explosion in an electrical breaker that shut down the Unit 1 reactor at Palo Verde nuclear power plant outside of Phoenix, Arizona.

NRC's overview of the licensing process for small modular reactors (SMR) and SMR's basic design concepts.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA supported the 22nd Regulatory Information Conference where Chairman Jaczko provided his vision for where the agency is heading as well as its challenges. Afterwards, Chairman took questions from reporters. In the afternoon both Commissioners Klein and Svinicki provided their visions and focus areas for the agency.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
10-041	NRC Issues Annual Assessment Letters for Nation's Nuclear Plants (03/08/10)
10-042	NRC Denies Nuclear Industry Petition Seeking Extended Deadline for Security Enhancements (03/08/10)
10-043	NRC Announces Opportunity for Hearing on Application to Renew Operating License for Columbia Generating Station Nuclear Power Plant (03/08/10)
10-044	NRC Seeks Comments on Proposed Staff Guidance Regarding Radioactive Liquid Spills at New Nuclear Power Plants (03/08/10)
10-045	NRC Announces Changes in Senior Management (03/08/10)
10-046	NRC Chairman Says Substantial Work Ahead for Commission in the Coming Year (03/09/10)
10-047	NRC Proposes to Amend Licensing, Inspection and Annual Fees Rule (03/11/10)

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-10-0007	01/21/10	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking Requesting and Expedited Rulemaking to Revise the 10 CFR Section 73.55 Compliance Date (PRM-73-14)
SRM on SECY-10-0007	02/19/10	(same)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-10-0007	02/19/10	(same)
2. Commission Voting Record on SECY-09-0189	03/12/10	Final Rule: 10 CFR 51.22, "Criterion For Categorical Exclusion; Identification of Licensing and Regulatory Actions Eligible for Categorical Exclusion or Otherwise Not Requiring Environmental Review" (RIN 3150-A127)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-10-0023	03/05/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending February 26, 2010
Memoranda		
1. M100311	03/11/10	Affirmation Session: I. SECY-09-0160 – Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. (Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Units 2 and 3), Notice of Appeal, Request for Oral Argument and Brief Supporting Notice of Appeal by NC WARN (July 22, 2009); II. SECY-09-0189 – Final Rule: 10 CFR 51.22, "Criterion For Categorical Exclusion; Identification of Licensing and Regulatory Actions Eligible for Categorical Exclusion or Otherwise Not Requiring Environmental Review" (RIN 3150-A127); III. SECY-10-0005 – U.S. Department of Energy (High Level Waste Repository) Appeal of William D. Peterson

Federal Register Notices Issued

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1. FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company, FirstEnergy Nuclear Generation Corporation, Ohio Edison Company, The Toledo Edison Company, Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility operating License for Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit No. 2, Opportunity for a Hearing, and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI).
2. Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Oconee Units 1, 2, and 3), Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, and 50-287, Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to SUNSI.
3. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on U.S. Evolutionary Power Reactor, notice of meeting (04/06/2010).

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Region II (RII)
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22nd Annual Regulatory Information Conference

On March 9-11, 2010, the Regional Administrator attended the 22nd Annual Regulatory Information Conference in Headquarters.

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Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 4

OCA Contact	Date and Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses/Nominees
Decker	03/10/10 2362-B RHOB	2:00	House /Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee (Representatives Visclosky / Frelinghuysen)	Department of Energy Nuclear Nonproliferation Fiscal 2011 Energy-Water Appropriations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Black – Chief Operating Officer, Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, Department of Energy
Decker	03/11/10 2359 RHOB	10:00	House /Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee (Representatives Visclosky / Frelinghuysen)	Department of Energy Overview Fiscal 2011 Energy-Water Appropriations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Chu – Secretary of Energy

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