

INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Public Phone Conference with Salem

On Tuesday, March 16, 2010, staff held a public phone conference with the licensee for Salem 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.

Public Phone Conference with Point Beach

On Wednesday, March 17, 2010, staff held a public phone conference with the licensee for Point Beach 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.

Public Meeting on National Fire Protection Association Standard 805 (NFPA 805)

On Wednesday, March 17, 2010, staff held a Category 3 public meeting with external stakeholders and interested members of the public to discuss template guidance for nuclear plants transitioning to NFPA 805. The staff provided preliminary feedback to the Nuclear Energy Institute on certain sections of the NFPA 805 License Amendment Request Template and shared a draft section of the NFPA 805 Safety Evaluation Template.

Fire Protection Meeting on NFPA 805 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

On Thursday, March 18, 2010, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute NFPA 805 Task Force and other stakeholders to discuss the FAQs related to licensees' adoption of NFPA 805. The staff began holding these monthly public meetings in July of 2006 and expects to continue to hold them at least throughout the transition period for the pilot plants adopting NFPA 805.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 8040 (DG-8040), "Health Physics Surveys During Enriched Uranium-235 Processing and Fuel Fabrication"

On March 18, 2010, RES staff issued DG-8040 to provide an opportunity for public comments. The draft guide is proposed Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide 8.24 that specifies the types and frequencies of surveys acceptable to the NRC for the protection of workers in plants licensed by NRC to process enriched uranium and fabricate uranium fuel. DG-8040 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/occupational-health/draft-index.html>.

Withdrawal of Regulatory Guide (RG) 8.6, "Standard Test Procedures for Geiger-Müller Counters"

On March 17, 2010, the RES staff published a *Federal Register* Notice announcing the withdrawal of RG 8.6 titled, "Standard Test Procedures for Geiger-Müller Counters." The RG endorsed test procedures specified in ANSI N42.3–1969, "Test Procedure for Geiger-Müller Counters." NRC is withdrawing RG 8.6 because ANSI N42.3–1969 has not been revised and is outdated and no longer useful.

Office of Administration (ADM)
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Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for FY 2010; 10 CFR Parts 170 and 171 (RIN A170, NRC-2009-0333)

On March 10, 2010, the NRC published a proposed rule (75 FR 11375) in the *Federal Register* to amend the licensing, inspection, and annual fees charged to its applicants and licensees. The proposed amendments are necessary to implement the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA-90), as amended, which requires the NRC to recover, through fees, approximately 90 percent of its budget authority in fiscal year (FY) 2010, not including amounts appropriated from the Nuclear Waste Fund, amounts appropriated for Waste Incidental to Reprocessing, and amounts appropriated for generic homeland security activities. Based on the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 2010, signed by the President on October 28, 2009, the NRC's required fee recovery amount for the FY 2010 budget is approximately \$912.2 million. After accounting for billing adjustments, the total amount to be billed as fees is approximately \$911.1 million. The comment period for this action expires April 9, 2010. Because OBRA-90 requires that the NRC collect the FY 2010 fees by September 30, 2010, requests for extension of the comment period will not be granted.

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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National Archives Meetings

On March 2, 2010, OIS staff attended meetings hosted by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). The first meeting held by the Federal Records Center Program Forum discussed the proposed rule on fees associated with the maintenance of Official Personnel Files. The second meeting, the Bimonthly Records and Information Discussion Group, covered the results of the FY 2009 Records Management Self-Assessment and expectations for the Electronic Records Reporting mandate. In addition, OIS staff will be participating in a focus meeting to help determine topics and speakers for NARA's upcoming conference titled "Managing the Records of an Open Government."

Digital Government Institute Conference

On March 4, 2010, OIS and Office of General Counsel staff attended the *E-Discovery, Records & Information Management Conference & Expo* sponsored by the Digital Government Institute which had more than 350 verified attendees. The keynote speaker, from the National Archives and Records Administration, discussed "Is Freedom of Information in the Digital Age a Contradiction in Terms?" OIS staff participated in a panel session entitled "Influencing Change within Agencies--Practical Recommendations for 2011." This session brought together perspectives from experts and experienced practitioners who shared how they are modernizing their records and information management programs.

Presentation on Outcome-Based Information Management

On March 11, 2009, OIS staff attended a meeting of the Metro Maryland Chapter of ARMA International (formerly the Association of Records Managers and Administrators). The presentation focused on learning how to craft an outcome-based information management program instead of an "activity-based" program. By examining real use cases from the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense and other agencies, critical factors necessary for successful information management were identified such as how to work backwards from outcomes to activities to resources in order to effectively plan a program roadmap. In addition, the presenter discussed how to focus and accelerate information management processes for greater efficiency and efficacy in achieving business outcomes.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of March 12, 2010, through March 18, 2010:

Records on named individual	FOIA/PA-2010-0165
Dosage received by named individual at each nuclear plant as employee	FOIA/PA-2010-0166
Material License Tracking System, active and retired	FOIA/PA-2010-0167
OI-4-2009-033, transcripts	FOIA/PA-2010-0168
Monetary fines levied and collected by NRC between 2004 and 2008	FOIA/PA-2010-0169
Nucor Corp. (formerly Nuclear Corp. of America, Inc.), 2 Richwood Place, Denville, New Jersey, all records	FOIA/PA02010-0170

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Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
None		
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Cash, Michael	EXECUTIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	EDO
Lochbaum, David	REACTOR TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR	HR
Nakoski, John	BRANCH CHIEF	NRO
Szabo, Autumn	HUMAN FACTORS ENGINEER	RES

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Documents Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-10-0022	03/04/10	Proposed Rule: Domestic Licensing of Source Material – Amendments/Integrated Safety Analysis (RIN 3150-AI50)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-10-0026	03/12/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending March 5, 2010
2. SECY-10-0029	03/17/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending March 12, 2010
Memoranda		
1. M100302	03/18/10	Briefing on Uranium Recovery

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Peter Orszag, Office of Management and Budget, dated March 10, 2010, responds to President Obama's Executive Memorandum on the subject of tribal consultation.
2. Letter to Jefferson Keel, National Congress of American Indians, dated March 8, 2010, responds to letter offering recommendations for implementing President Obama's Executive Memorandum on Tribal Consultation.
3. Letter to Congressman Edward Markey, dated March 5, 2010, responds to letter expressing concerns about NRC's regulations for the treatment of patients with radioisotopes and the criteria under which these patients are released from hospital care.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, POWERTECH (USA), INC., (Dewey-Burdock In Situ Uranium Recovery Facility), Docket No. 40-9075-MLA.
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 Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information.
3. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment, notice of meeting (04/07/10).
4. ACRS, Planning and Procedures Subcommittee Meeting, notice of meeting (04/07/10).

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5. Advisory Committee on the Medical uses of Isotopes, Charter Renewal Notice.
6. ACRS, notice of the 571st meeting (04/08-10/10).

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Region II (RII)
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Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Site Visit

On March 17, 2010, the Regional Administrator toured the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant in Athens, Alabama and met with licensee management and resident inspectors.

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Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 6

OCA Contact	Date & Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses/Nominees
Decker	03/16/10 2362-B RHOB	2:00	House Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee (Representatives Visclosky / Frelinghuysen)	Proposed Fiscal 2011 Appropriations for U.S. Department of Energy's Offices of Environmental Management and Legacy Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ines Triay – Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management • David Geiser – Acting Director, Office of Legacy Management, Department of Energy