

## INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)  
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National Fire Protection Association Standard 805 (NFPA 805) Workshop in Taiwan

On April 19, 2010, the staff conducted an NFPA 805 Workshop in Taipei, Taiwan, with the Taiwan Atomic Energy Council as part of the Bilateral Technical Cooperation Agreement. Other workshop participants included personnel from the Taiwan Institute of Nuclear Energy Research, the Taiwan Power Company, Taiwanese Architectural and Engineering Consultants, and local professors. During the visit, the staff was also invited to view a fire protection triennial inspection at the Maanshan Nuclear Power Plant.

American Society of Mechanical Engineers Nuclear Quality Assurance-1 (ASME NQA-1) Committee Meetings

On April 20-22, 2010, the staff participated in ASME NQA-1 working groups, the Software Quality Assurance Task Group, Six Subcommittee, the Main Standards Committee, and Executive Committee meetings in Charlotte, North Carolina. The staff continues to address dedication and other technical issues related to computer software quality assurance and endorsement activities related to the ASME NQA-1-2008 Edition and the NQA-1a- 2009 addenda. The NRC currently has nine individuals from four program offices participating in or applying for positions on the various NQA-1 committees.

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

On April 22, 2010, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute NFPA 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.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)  
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Meeting of ANSI N14.5 Subcommittee

From April 21 through April 22, 2010, NRC staff participated in a meeting of the ANSI N14.5 subcommittee in Germantown, Maryland. ANSI N14.5, the consensus American National Standard for "Leakage Tests on Packages for Shipment," is being updated to be consistent with current regulatory standards; by including updated leakage testing methods and procedures and quality assurance guidance.

Meeting with U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration (DOENNSA)

On April 23, 2010, NRC staff held a videoconference with DOE/NNSA and Sandia National Laboratories (Sandia) to clarify the staff's requests for additional information (RAI) on the application for the Model No. PAT-1 transportation package. Sandia presented detailed computer modeling analysis, input/output files, and demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of the staff's RAIs. DOE/NNSA committed to provide a date for responding to the staff's request by April 30, 2010.

Discussion on the Fuel Cycle Industry use of Design Features and Bounding Analysis

On Tuesday April 27, 2010 NRC staff met with representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and the fuel cycle industry to discuss the use of Design Features and Bounding Analysis to meet the performance requirements of Part 70 Subpart H. This was the third public meeting, in a continuing dialog, to clarify industry practices and staff expectations of actions needed to comply with the rule. In order to focus the discussion, the staff made publicly available a draft document for discussion on how the use of Design Features and Bounding Assumptions should be considered in inspections and licensing actions. Industry representatives raised a number of questions on the document and committed to provide written comments by June 1, 2010. Also, the staff committed to provide a written response, by June 1, 2010, to a January 22, 2010, letter, sent by NEI that explained industry's interpretation of the regulatory requirements. NRC and NEI agreed to meet again the week of June 28, 2010.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)  
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Request Presented to the National Academy of Sciences for NRC to Perform a Cancer Risk Analysis

On April 26, 2010, NRC requested that the National Academy of Sciences perform the study, "Analysis of Cancer Risk in Populations Living near Nuclear Facilities" (ML101100719). Additional perspectives on the study were provided from staff members of Congressman Markey's office and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute and the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, and an epidemiologist from the University of North Carolina School of Public Health. After the formal presentations, 10 speakers from the general public commented on the proposed study. The majority of the presenters endorsed the study and offered suggestions on the methodology to be used by the National Academy committee.

VARSKIN 4 Workshop

On April 29, 2010, RES staff hosted a workshop on "VARSKIN 4" led by David Hamby and Kathryn Higley, Professors of Radiation Physics at Oregon State University. VARSKIN is a computer code that calculates radiation dose from skin contamination for regulatory requirements under 10 CFR Part 20. Participants included technical staff from the Offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, New Reactors, Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Human Resources, and RES. The primary purpose of this workshop was for staff to become familiar with the new version of VARSKIN and to understand the theory and assumptions behind beta and photon dosimetry.

Office of Administration (ADM)  
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NRC Region II Address and Main Telephone Number Changes, Final Rule,  
(10 CFR Parts 1, 20, 30, 40, 55, 70, and 73) (RIN 3150-A180, NRC-2009-0083)

On April 27, 2010, the NRC published a final rule (75 FR 21979) amending its regulations to update the street address and main telephone number for its Region II office. These changes took effect on April 12, 2010. Also, the relevant regulations that govern communications are amended to reflect that Virginia is now an Agreement State. This document is necessary to inform the public of these changes to the NRC's regulations. The rule is effective May 27, 2010.

The NRC portion of the Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions was noticed in the *Federal Register* on April 26, 2010 (75 FR 21960).

Office of Information Services (OIS)  
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Electronic Records Management Workshop

On April 20, 2010, OIS staff presented on a panel for a workshop titled "Electronic Records Management in Government" sponsored by the Potomac Forum. The panel consisted of Agency Records Managers covering topics such as how to build and maintain critical relationships between records management and information technology. The discussion highlighted that, although these are usually a separate function within an organization, they serve a common mission to provide access and manage information. The topics covered pitfalls to avoid, best practices to consider, and finding areas for collaboration. The workshop included representatives from agencies such as the National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Management and Budget, Department of Homeland Security, and other attendees from the Federal and private sector.

Copyright Material in Contracts and National Laboratory Agreements

On April 23, 2010, OIS staff met with staff from the Office of Administration, Division of Contracts (DC), to determine whether there is a Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause authorizing use and dissemination to NRC staff and other contractors of copyright material obtained by NRC contractors, and whether there is a copyright clause included in agreements between the NRC and the National Laboratories. It was determined that there is a FAR clause for copyright material although it is not routinely made a part of NRC contracts. The DC representative will check with her staff to determine if laboratory agreements contain a copyright clause. She will discuss with her staff the need to include a copyright use and dissemination clause in contracts and laboratory agreements. Additionally, the DC representative agreed to include a discussion of copyright information in the ongoing revision of project officer and contract officer training.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of April 23, 2010, through April 29, 2010:

Sun Desert Nuclear Plant, Blythe, California, Early Site Review Report dated 4-16-75, written for San Diego Gas and Electric	FOIA/PA-2010-0204
Office of Investigations case 2-2009-042, all records	FOIA/PA-2010-0205
Allegation NRR-2000-A-0015 All documents including correspondence	FOIA/PA-2010-0206
Monetary penalties assessed for calendar years 2007, 2008 and 2009 of the Atomic Energy Act	FOIA/PA-2010-0207
Winchester Repeating Arms Company (1883-1981) and/or U.S. Repeating Arms Corporation (1986-2006), 344 Winchester Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut, licensing information	FOIA.PA-2010-0208
Radiation, including tritium, beneath the nation's 104 nuclear reactors and/or on or off their sites and maps showing plumes of radiation-contaminated water beneath nuclear power plants and/or on or off their sites	FOIA/PA-2010-0209
GE Morris waste disposal site, Illinois, records of incidents and all possible breaches of hazardous material into uncontrolled environments and/or potential hazards to public health, past 15 years potential hazards to public health, past 15 years	FOIA/PA-2010-0210

Office of Human Resources (HR)  
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<b>Arrivals</b>		
Windsor, Cheryl	Investigative Analyst	OIG
<b>Retirements</b>		
Davis, Wayne	Special Assistant	IS
Goldberg, Jack	Special Counsel	OGC
Lesar, Michael	Branch Chief	ADM
Rathbun, Patricia	Technical Assistant	FSME
Smith, Richard	Information Management Analyst	IS
<b>Departures</b>		
McLean, Mary	Regional Agreement State Program Officer	R-IV
Morgan, Michael	Project Manager	NRO
Williams, Valerie	Management Analyst	RES

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

Status of license renewal application reviews for Indian Point (New York), Vermont Yankee (Vermont) and Pilgrim (Massachusetts) nuclear plants.

Announcement of the new cancer risk study and what the NRC wants to accomplish.

Status of first three uranium recovery license reviews.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA supported annual assessment meetings throughout the different regions.

<b>Press Releases Issued</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b>	
10-076	Victoria County Application for Early Site Permit in Texas Available on NRC Website (4/27/10)
10-077	NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko's Remarks at Today's Meeting on the Fuel Cycle Oversight Process (4/29/10)
<b>Regions:</b>	
I-10-024	NRC to Hold Open House on May 4, 2010, in Shippingport, Pennsylvania to Discuss Annual Assessment for Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Plant (4/28/10)
II-10-032	NRC Schedules Open House To Discuss 2009 Performance of North Anna Nuclear Power Plant (4/26/10)
II-10-033	NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss 2009 Performance of Crystal River Power Plant (4/26/10)
II-10-034	NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss 2009 Performance of St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant (4/26/10)
II-10-035	NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss 2009 Performance of Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant (4/26/10)
II-10-036	NRC Issues Confirmatory Order to Areva NP Nuclear Fuel Processing Facility in Richland, Washington (4/27/10)
III-10-013	NRC to Discuss 2009 Performance Assessment for Fermi Nuclear Power Plant May 5, 2010 (4/29/10)
IV-10-018	NRC to Hold Open House to Discuss 2009 Performance of Callaway Nuclear Plant (4/26/10)
IV-10-019	NRC To Hold Open House to Discuss 2009 Performance of Comanche Peak

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	Nuclear Power Plant (4/26/10)
IV-10-020	NRC to Discuss 2009 Performance Assessment for Columbia Generating Station (4/27/10)
IV-10-021	NRC to Hold Public Meeting to Discuss 2009 Performance of Wolf Creek (4/28/10)
IV-10-022	NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at Waterford 3 Nuclear Plant (4/29/10)

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)  
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<b>Documents Released to Public</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. SECY-10-0045	4/9/10	Proposed Rule: Requirements for Fingerprint-Based Criminal History Records Checks for Individuals Seeking Unescorted Access to Research or Test Reactors (RIN 3150-AI25)
<b>Information Papers</b>		
1. SECY-10-0053	4/23/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending April 16, 2010

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education, dated April 23, 2010, provides NRC's FY 2009 Annual Federal Performance Report on Executive Agency Actions to Assist Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs).
2. Letter to Cass Sunstein, Office of Management and Budget, dated April 23, 2010, provides NRC's FY 2010 Regulatory Plan.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Southern Nuclear Operating Company, et. al., Supplementary Notice of Hearing and Opportunity to Petition for Leave to Intervene on a Combined License Application for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4, Docket Nos. 52-025 and 52-026.

Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)  
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 10

OCA Contact	Date and Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses/Nominations
Decker	04/28/10 124 DSOB	10:00	Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development	Future of U.S. Energy Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steven Chu – Secretary of Energy</li> <li>• Philip R. Sharp – President, Resources for the Future</li> <li>• Robert W. Fri – Past President and Visiting Scholar, Resources for the Future</li> <li>• Eric P. Loewen – Chief Consulting Engineer, Advanced Plants, Technology, GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy</li> </ul>
Riley	04/29/10 342 DSOB	2:30	Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia	Federal Employment and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine Griffin – Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management</li> <li>• Marilee Fitzgerald – Director of Workforce Issues and International Programs, Department of Defense</li> <li>• Colleen M. Kelley – National President, National Treasury Employees Union</li> <li>• J. David Cox – National Secretary-Treasurer, American Federation of Government Employees</li> <li>• John Palguta – Vice President for Policy, Partnership for Public Service</li> <li>• Laura M. Mattimore – Director of Leadership Development, Procter and Gamble</li> </ul>