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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Public Teleconference on the Draft Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) Aging Management Program for Buried and Underground Piping and Tanks

On August 24, 2010, staff conducted a public teleconference to discuss revisions made to the draft GALL Report aging management program (AMP) XI.M41, Buried and Underground Piping and Tanks. During the teleconference, the staff provided an overview of the current version of the GALL Report AMP and held a discussion of staff responses to stakeholder comments. Industry stakeholders and members of the public participated in the teleconference. Due to the extent of comments, staff held a subsequent public meeting on September 1, 2010, to allow for continued discussion of stakeholder comments.

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Meeting with the Blue Ribbon Commission Reactor and Fuel Cycle Technology Subcommittee

On August 30-31, 2010, NMSS staff participated in a public meeting of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future Subcommittee on Reactor and Fuel Cycle Technologies. Staff presented an overview of NRC regulation of commercial fuel cycle facilities and discussed ongoing work to support a regulatory framework for reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel. In addition, staff from the NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research provided an overview of NRC research activities and staff from the Office of New Reactors summarized ongoing programs to support licensing of advanced reactor designs. In the discussion session, staff clarified the focus of ongoing research activities to support reactor and fuel cycle regulation and provided insights on how NRC developed a strong safety culture. The agenda, presentations, and a video webcast of the meeting will be posted at www.brc.gov/RFCT_Subcommittee.html.

Meeting with the Blue Ribbon Commission Disposal Subcommittee

On September 1, 2010, NMSS staff participated in a public meeting of the DOE Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future Subcommittee on Disposal. Staff presented an overview of NRC regulations for geologic disposal of high-level waste and clarified distinctions between generic (10 CFR Part 60) and Yucca Mountain-specific (10 CFR Part 63) requirements. Staff also participated in a panel discussion that focused on identifying essential elements of publically acceptable regulations for disposal. Staff provided additional clarifications on how performance assessments are used to support regulatory decisions and on how NRC engages the public in rulemaking and licensing hearings. The agenda, presentations, and a video webcast of the meeting will be posted at www.brc.gov/Disposal_Subcommittee.html.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Publication of Regulatory Guide (RG) 8.35, "Planned Special Exposure"

On August 30, 2010, RES staff published RG 8.35, Revision 1. This RG provides guidance acceptable to the NRC staff for use in complying with NRC's regulations on the conditions and prerequisites for permitting planned special exposure(s) as allowed by Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 20, "Standards for Protection against Radiation." RG 8.35 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/occupational-health/rg/>.

Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 8035 (DG-8035), "Administrative Practices in Radiation Surveys and Monitoring"

On August 30, 2010, RES staff issued DG-8035 to provide an opportunity for public comments. The draft guide is a proposed revision 1 of RG 8.2 that provides guidance acceptable to the NRC staff for use in complying with NRC's regulations for administrative practices associated with surveys and monitoring of ionizing radiation in licensed institutions. It is intended primarily for administrative and management personnel in organizations that are involved in, or are planning to initiate, activities involving the handling of radioactive materials or radiation. DG-8035 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/occupational-health/draft-index.html>.

Publication of DG-1247, "Design-Basis Hurricane and Hurricane Missiles for Nuclear Power Plants"

On August 31, 2010, RES staff issued DG-1247 to provide an opportunity for public comments. The draft guide is a proposed new RG that provides new guidance that the NRC staff considers acceptable for use in selecting the design-basis hurricane wind speed and hurricane-generated missiles that a new nuclear power plant should be designed to withstand to prevent undue risk to the health and safety of the public. DG-1247 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 Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of August 27, 2010, through September 2, 2010:

Exelon Generation Co., LLC properties located in Zion, Illinois, conveyance to the State of Illinois or any agency or instrumentality thereof	FOIA/PA-2010-0317
Suppliers who have NRC export licenses	FOIA/PA-2010-0318
Allegation RIII-09-A-0028 including Nuclear Safety Review Board Reports issued in 2009/2010 regarding Bryon Nuclear Generating Station (NGS) including those in FOIA/PA-2010-0132, and inspection reports, investigations since January 1990 regarding Byron NGS etc., all documents related to investigation	FOIA/PA-2010-0319
Allegation RIV-95-A-0192 all documents and correspondence	FOIA/PA-2010-0320
Memorandum of understanding dated 10-09-06 between NRC and U.S. Department of Energy, regarding FOCI (foreign ownership, control or influence) determination for MOX services	FOIA/PA-2010-0321
Radiological Associates, Veteran's Memorial Center, 116 Cook Avenue, Meriden, Connecticut, NRC license 05-05686-02; copy of 5-27-99 Closeout Report and NRC Letter of Approval for Unrestricted Use	FOIA/PA-2010-0322
FOIA log for August 2010 requests received including date received, requester, organization, description, fee waiver and status of adjudication, current status, completed date, number of responsive pages, and fees charged	FOIA/PA-2010-0323
Correspondence between Ameren Corp and NRC since 2-26-10 regarding October 21, 2003, reactor shutdown	FOIA/PA-2010-0324

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

The proposed \$24,700 fine against Basin Electric Power Co-op's Laramie River Station (Wyoming).

The NRC's inspection and oversight of the labor dispute at Honeywell Nuclear Facility (Illinois).

A license transfer from Exelon to Energy Solutions for the decommissioning of the Zion nuclear power plant.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA did a recorded interview with Minnesota Public Radio about a NRC finding of very low safety significance during a recent inspection at Prairie Island nuclear power plant (Minnesota).

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
10-152	NRC Accepts "Best Place to Work" Honors (9/1/10)
10-153	NRC Takes Steps to Enhance Small Modular Reactor License Review Framework (9/1/10)
10-154	National Academies Seeks Nominations for Experts to Conduct NRC-Sponsored Cancer Risk Study (9/1/10)
10-154	NRC Issues Mid-Cycle Assessments for Nation's Nuclear Plants (9/3/10)
Regions:	
II-10-060	NRC Proposes \$140,000 Fine Against Nuclear Fuel Services (9/3/10)
III-10-035	NRC Finalizes License Transfer for Zion Nuclear Power Station (9/1/10)
IV-10-030	NRC Proposes \$24,700 Fine for Basin Electric Power Cooperative (8/30/10)
IV-10-032	NRC To Hold Public Meeting To Discuss Safety Culture at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (9/2/10)
IV-10-033	NRC Revokes License of Mattingly Testing Services, Inc. (9/3/10)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Documents Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM-SECY-09-0190	8/27/10	Major Revision to NRC Enforcement Policy
Commission Voting Record on SECY-09-0190	8/27/10	(same)
2. SECY-10-0113	8/26/10	Closure Options for Generic Safety Issue-191, Assessment of Debris Accumulation on Pressurized Water Reactor Sump Performance
3. COMGEA-10-001 /COMGBJ-10-0004	7/9/10	Use of Risk Insights to Enhance Safety Focus of Small Modular Reactor Reviews
SRM on COMGEA-10-0001/COMGBJ-10-0004	8/31/10	(same)
Commission Voting Record on COMGEA-10-0001/COMGBJ-10-0004	8/31/10	(same)
4. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-10-0043	8/17/10	Blending of Low-Level Radioactive Waste
5. SRM on SECY-09-0123	7/8/10	Material Categorization and Future Fuel Cycle Facility Security-Related Rulemaking
Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-09-0123	11/17/09	(same)
Commissioner Magwood's vote and comments on SECY-09-0123	6/17/10	(same)
6. SRM-SECY-10-0074	9/3/10	David Geisen, NRC Staff Petition for Review of LBP-09-24 (Aug. 28, 2009)

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congressman Edward Markey, dated August 26, 2010, responds to letter regarding the discovery of tritium in groundwater monitoring wells at Pilgrim nuclear power plant.

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2. Letter to Congresswoman Lois Capps, dated August 26, 2010, responds to letter informing NRC of efforts underway in California to analyze the most recent data regarding Seismic issues at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.
3. Letter to Congressman John Spratt, dated August 25, 2010, responds to letter requesting that NRC conduct a nuclear nonproliferation assessment as part of the review of license applications for new nuclear technologies.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB), Florida Power & Light Company (Turkey Point Units 6 and 7).
2. ASLB Notice of Hearing – Pacific Gas & Electric Company (Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2).