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*No input this week.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Hope Creek Generating Station License Renewal Safety Evaluation Report (SER) With Open Items

On September 30, 2010, the staff issued the SER with Open Items related to the Hope Creek Generating Station license renewal application. By letter dated August 18, 2009, PSEG Nuclear, LLC, submitted an application requesting the extension of the Hope Creek Generating Station operating license for an additional 20 years. The SER has one open item (regarding recent industry operating experience related to buried and underground piping). The staff is scheduled to meet with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee on November 3, 2010, to discuss the SER with Open Items.

Fire Protection Meeting on National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805 Frequently Asked Questions

On October 7, 2010, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute NFPA Standard 805 Task Force, other stakeholders, and the public to discuss the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) related to licensees' adoption of NFPA 805 and specifically FAQ 10-0058 regarding the license amendment template for NFPA 805.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Meeting with NAC International (NAC)

On September 30, 2010, NRC staff met with representatives from NAC. NAC discussed their request for amendment 3 to the MAGNASTOR dry cask storage system, which would allow storage of damaged and high burn up fuel. They also discussed an upcoming new application for their new proprietary design for the Model No. MAGNATRAN transportation package. They plan to submit the transportation application in December 2010.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Publication of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.193, "ASME Code Cases Not Approved for Use"

On October 5, 2010, RES staff published RG 1.193 Revision 3. This RG lists the Code Cases that NRC has determined not to be acceptable for use on a generic basis. RG 1.193 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/rg/>.

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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Material Licensees; Reopening of Comment Period (10 CFR Parts 30, 36, 39, 40, 51, 70, and 150) (RIN 3150-AI79, NRC-2010-0075)

On September 30, 2010, NRC reopened the public comment period for the proposed rule (75 FR 60341) that was published on July 27, 2010 (75 FR 43865). The proposed rule would amend the regulations by revising the provisions applicable to the licensing and approval processes for byproduct, source, and special nuclear material licenses and irradiators, to clarify the definitions of "construction" and "commencement of construction." The comment period for this proposed rule, which closed on September 27, 2010, is reopened and will remain open until November 29, 2010.

Major Revision to NRC Enforcement Policy (NRC-2008-0497)

On September 30, 2010, NRC published a major revision to its Enforcement Policy (75 FR 60485) in the *Federal Register* to clarify the use of terms and to update the Enforcement Policy, removing outdated information and adding information addressing enforcement issues in areas that are not currently directly addressed in the Enforcement Policy. This revision was effective September 30, 2010. The NRC intends to solicit comments on this revised policy approximately 18 months after the effective date.

Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities; Updates to Incorporation by Reference of Regulatory Guide (RG) (10 CFR Part 50) (RIN 3150-AI37, NRC 2009-0014)

On October 5, 2010, NRC published a final rule (75 FR 61321) in the *Federal Register* that amends its regulations to incorporate by reference the latest revisions of two previously incorporated RGs approving new and revised Code Cases published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). The RGs, which are incorporated by reference, are RG 1.84, "Design, Fabrication, and Materials Code Case Acceptability, ASME Section III," Revision 35, and RG 1.147, "Inservice Inspection Code Case Acceptability, ASME Section XI, Division 1," Revision 16. This action allows nuclear power plant licensees and applicants for standard design certifications, standard design approvals, and manufacturing licenses under the regulations that govern license certifications, to use the Code Cases listed in these RGs as alternatives to requirements in the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. Concurrent with this action, NRC is publishing a notice of the issuance and availability of the RGs in the *Federal Register*. As a result of these related actions, the Code Cases listed in these RGs are incorporated by reference into the NRC's regulations and are deemed to be legally binding NRC requirements. The rule is effective on November 4, 2010.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of October 1, 2010, through October 7, 2010:

Memo dated 03/16/2010, regarding "several specific steps" to take implementing updates to FOIA guidance and training material and adequate resources, all documents related to.	FOIA/PA-2011-0001
OI Report 4-2007-008 Exhibits 25, 52 and 54.	FOIA/PA-2011-0002
Memo from DG Eisenhut, 11-18-1982, Informs that Proposed Guidance for Caliber and Surveillance of Equipment to Meet NUREG-0737 Item II.F.1, Enclosures 1, 2 and 3 Forthcoming (8301050002) (Fiche 66534:356-66534:356).	FOIA/PA-2011-0003

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Blair, Tina	HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	HR
Campbell, Sheri	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	RI
Forster, Sara	HEALTH PHYSICIST	RIII
Geary, Joseph	CIVIL RIGHTS SPECIALIST	SBCR
Jimenez, Manuel	HEALTH PHYSICIST	NRR
Lin, Bill	HEALTH PHYSICIST	RIII
Moore, Toye	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	NRR
Potters, Louis	CONSULTANT	FSME
Rempe, Joy	MEMBER	ACRS
Rivera, Jonathan	HEALTH PHYSICIST	RII
Wise, John	MATERIALS ENGINEER	NRR
Retirements		
Gooden, Alphonsa	SENIOR FUEL FACILITY INSPECTOR	RII
Koltay, Peter	TECH ASSIST INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES	NRO
Miller, Lee	SENIOR OPERATIONS EXAMINER	RII
Departures		
Bu, Wen	LAW CLERK	ASLBP
Gill, Amritpal	SENIOR ELECTRICAL ENGINEER	NRR
Hoskins, Rita	SENIOR PROGRAM ASSISTANT	OIP
Liang, Chu-yu	SENIOR REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	NRO
Murphy, Francis	CLASSIFICATION SPECIALIST	HR
Pate, Anthony	OPERATIONS ENGINEER	RIV
Rajan, Jai	MECHANICAL ENGINEER	NRO
Ramey-Smith, Ann	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
Rubin, Mark	GENERAL ENGINEER (NSPDP)	NRR
Shemanski, Paul	CONSULTANT	NRR
Thadani, Ashok	CONSULTANT	NRO
Weiss, Eric	HEALTH PHYSICIST	NSIR

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

An Office of Inspector General report on suspected Al-Qaeda member Sharif Mobley and nuclear plant access authorization programs.

The new license issued to the Moore Ranch uranium recovery facility (Wyoming).

The special inspection at North Anna nuclear power plant (Virginia), where fibrous insulation was found as a foreign object in Unit 1 containment.

NRC activities and resources regarding the Yucca Mountain application under the FY 2011 Continuing Resolution.

A public meeting on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement submitted for the new reactors at the Vogtle nuclear power plant (Georgia).

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA did a recorded interview with Wyoming Public Radio regarding the license issued last week to Uranium One for the Moore Ranch In-Situ Uranium Recovery project.

OPA facilitated an interview between an Associated Press reporter and the NRC Region 2 branch chief regarding the sudden shutdown of Robinson nuclear power plant (South Carolina).

OPA reached out to reporters for Platts, the Las Vegas Journal Review, Energy Daily, Exchange Monitor, E&E Newswire, and Nuclear Town Hall to clarify that the CFO and EDO directed staff activities on HLW and that the Chairman was ensuring that the staff followed Commission guidance.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
10-176	NRC to Hold Public Workshop on Cesium Chloride Policy Statement November 8-9, 2010, in Rockville, Maryland (10/5/10)
10-177	NRC Announces Fall Agenda (10/6/10)
10-178	Licensing Board to Hear Oral Argument October 21, 2010, in Bay City, Texas, on South Texas Project New Nuclear Reactor Application (10/6/10)
10-179	Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to Hold Prehearing Conference October 19, 2010, in Rockville, Maryland, On Vogtle New Reactor Application (10/7/10)

10-180	NRC Welcomes Team of International Regulators for 2-Week Visit (10/8/10)
10-181	NRC Issues Fifth National Report for Convention on Nuclear Safety (10/8/10)
10-182	NRC Approves Pilot Program for CO-60 Production at Hope Creek Nuclear Power Plant (10/8/10)
Regions:	
II-10-067	NRC Reschedules Meetings in Piketon to Discuss Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant and Lead Cascade Facility (10/4/10)
II-10-068	NRC Begins Special Inspection at North Anna Nuclear Plant (10/5/10)
IV-10-034	NRC Finds Problems with the Fort Calhoun Nuclear Plant's Flood Protection Strategy had Substantial Safety Significance (10/7/10)
IV-10-035	NRC to Hold Public Meeting with Entergy Operations, Inc. (10/7/10)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Documents Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. Chairman Jackzo vote and comments on SECY-10-0084	9/28/10	Explanation of Changes to Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide 1.159, "Assuring the Availability of Funds for Decommissioning Nuclear Reactors"
2. Chairman Jackzo vote and comments on SECY-10-0105	10/4/10	Final Rule: Limiting the Quantity of Byproduct Material in a Generally Licensed Device (RIN 3150-A133)
3. SRM – SECY-10-0095	10/6/10	Proposed Rule: Advance Notification to Native American Tribes of Transport of Certain Types of Nuclear Waste (RIN 3150-AG41)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-10-0095	10/6/10	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-10-0130	10/7/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending September 24, 2010
2. SECY-10-0131	10/7/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending October 1, 2010
Memoranda		
1. M100929B	10/5/10	Staff Requirements – Briefing on Resolution of GSI-191 (SECY-10-0113)

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Notice – Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Considerations and Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information.
2. Proposed rule – 10 CFR Part 73, Physical Protection of Irradiated reactor Fuel in Transit.
3. Proposed rule, extension of comment period – 10 CFR Parts 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 51, 71, and 73, Physical Protection of Byproduct Material.
4. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS

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- Subcommittee on Plant Operations and Fire Protection, notice of meeting (11/01/2010).
5. Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, Notice of Opportunity to Participate in Uncontested/Mandatory Hearing, AREVA Enrichment Services, LLC (Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility).

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