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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Meeting With Industry on Materials Reliability Program (MRP)

On October 13-14, 2010 the industry and staff met to discuss the final requests for information (RAIs) regarding the industry's MRP inspection and evaluation (I&E) guidelines for pressurized water reactor internals—MRP-227, “MRP Pressurized Water Reactor Internals Inspection and Evaluation Guidelines.” The MRP’s response to the RAIs is due by October 30, 2010, and the staff will have weekly conference calls to resolve staff concerns. The due date to complete the draft safety evaluation is December 30, 2010.

Meeting with Licensee Regarding Oconee Transition to National Fire Protection Association Standard 805 (NFPA 805)

On October 18, 2010 the staff held a Category 1 public meeting with representatives of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, the Oconee Nuclear Station licensee, to discuss Oconee transition to NFPA 805.

Pre-licensing Meeting with Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) to Discuss Cooper Nuclear Station

On October 19, 2010 a pre-licensing public meeting was held between representatives of NPPD and the staff regarding the licensee’s plans to submit a license amendment for Cooper Nuclear Station in mid-2011. The amendment would follow Technical Specification Task Force Traveler No. 493, Revision 4, “Clarify Application of Setpoint Methodology for LSSS [Limiting Safety System Setpoints] Functions,” in support of a 24-month refueling cycle.

Participation in the Nuclear Energy Agency-International Atomic Energy Agency (NEA-IAEA) Meeting for the International Reporting System for Operating Experience (IRS)

On October 19-22, 2010 the staff participated in the joint NEA-IAEA annual technical meeting of the National Coordinators for the IRS held at the IAEA offices in Vienna, Austria. This meeting was held to review the status of the operation and management of the IRS within the framework of the IAEA and NEA programs and to exchange operating experience information to improve the safe operation of nuclear power plants and to improve the exchange of information between nuclear regulators and utilities. Additionally, a meeting to review the status of the latest revisions to the IRS Report Coding Manual was held on Monday, October 18, 2010, completing a process of updates and revisions to the IRS manual that began two years ago.

Public Meeting with Performance Contracting, Inc.

On October 19, 2010 the staff held a public conference call with Performance Contracting, Inc., to discuss their proposed methods for quantifying the amount of settling that would occur in the containment sump. The staff expressed its concerns with the test apparatus because the high concentration of debris could lead to non-conservative settling.

Public Meeting with Boiling Water Reactor Owners Group (BWR)

On October 20 and 21, 2010 the staff met with the BWR to discuss sump strainer performance. The BWR addressed this issue in the 1990s, but information learned during resolution of Generic Safety Issue - 191 led to changes in the methods used to evaluating some of the phenomena. The owners group is evaluating the impact of the changes in methodologies. This is the third of four meetings.

Public Meeting on Update to Safety Evaluation for NEI-04-07

On October 21, 2010 the staff met with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) to discuss their comments on the staff's proposed update to the safety evaluation for NEI 04-07. This document provides the guidance for evaluating sump strainer performance and submitting information to close out Generic Letter 2004-02.

Meeting with NEI Regarding the NFPA 805 License Amendment Request Template

On October 21, 2010 the staff held a Category 3 public meeting with NEI representatives to discuss the NEI License Amendment Request (LAR) Template for licensees transitioning to NFPA 805. The staff began holding these biweekly public meetings on October 7, 2010, and expects to continue holding them through December 2010, or until the staff has had the opportunity to review the entire LAR Template.

Fire Protection Meeting on NFPA 805 Frequently Asked Questions

On October 21, 2010 the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with the NEI NFPA 805 Task Force, other stakeholders, and the public, to discuss the Frequently Asked Questions 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 New Reactors (NRO)
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Staff held Public Meeting on Vogtle Combined License Application

On October 7, 2010, the staff conducted a public meeting in Augusta, Georgia to collect comments on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement (DSEIS) for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4 combined license application. The 3-hour public meeting was preceded by a one hour open house with NRC staff. The public voiced concerns primarily related to termination of the Yucca Mountain project by the U.S. Department of Energy, the NRC staff's new and significant process for supplementing a previous EIS, and the potential health affects that any new reactors may have on residents in Shell Bluff, Georgia, near the proposed units. The deadline for the public to submit comments on the DSEIS is November 24, 2010.

Staff issues Safety Evaluation Report for Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR) Design Certification Amendment

On October 14, 2010, the staff issued its safety evaluation report for the South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company Amendment to the ABWR Design Certification. The amendment application was submitted on June 30, 2009, to address the requirements in 10 CFR 50.150, the Commission's aircraft impact rule. The staff is anticipating submittal of the rulemaking package to the Commission at the end of October 2010.

Staff, Army Corps of Engineers Meet With Seminole Tribe

On October 22, 2010, NRC staff and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) staff participated in a government-to-government meeting with the Seminole Tribe of Florida in Hollywood, Florida. NRC staff and USACE provided an overview and status update of the environmental review process for the Turkey Point Units 6 and 7 and the Levy County Units 1 and 2 combined license applications. The staff hoped to get a better understanding of the Seminole Tribe's concerns regarding environmental impacts associated with the proposed projects.

Office of Administration (ADM)
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Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI); Consideration of Petition in the Rulemaking Process, PRM-70-8 (NRC-2009-0184)

On October 18, 2010, the NRC published a document (75 FR 63725) in the *Federal Register* stating that the NRC is considering five of the issues raised in a petition submitted by NEI in its rulemaking process, and is denying the remaining four issues of the petition. The petitioner requested the NRC amend its regulations in Appendix A to 10 CFR Part 70 to clarify existing event reporting requirements based on experience gained since the requirements were revised. The docket for the Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-70-8) is closed as of October 18, 2010. Further NRC action on the issues raised by the petition will be accessible at the Federal rulemaking portal, www.Regulations.gov, by searching on rulemaking docket ID NRC-2010-0271.

Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities; Updates to Incorporation by Reference of Regulatory Guides; Correction (NRC-2009-0014, RIN 3150-A137)

On October 21, 2010, the NRC published a correction (75 FR 64949) to the final rule (75 FR 61321) that was published in the *Federal Register* on October 5, 2010. The final rule amends the NRC regulations (10 CFR 50) to incorporate by reference the latest revisions of two previously incorporated regulatory guides. This document is necessary to include certification in the rule that the NRC has complied with the requirements of the Congressional Review Act. This information was inadvertently omitted from the final rule. The correction is effective on November 4, 2010, the date the original final rule becomes effective.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Knowledge Management Conference

On October 14, 2010, OIS staff attended the Digital Government Institute's Department of Defense Annual Knowledge Management (KM) Conference. The conference was comprised of KM practitioners, professionals from the military, civilian government agencies, academia and industry that were presented with an array of speakers discussing how to improve KM programs. OIS staff will utilize the lessons learned from this conference in continuing to further the goals of NRC's KM programs.

Information Management Presentation

On October 21, 2010, an OIS staff member attended Iron Mountain's presentation "Conquer the Deluge: Efficiencies via Better Information Management" which was attended by federal government and industry professionals. The topics included the challenges of information overload in Federal agencies and strategies to uncover new efficiencies to reduce costs in managing paper and digital information. OIS can leverage these strategies to make improvements in document search and retrieval methods and reduce costs through selective digitization of paper records.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of October 15, 2010, through October 21, 2010:

NRC travel records maintained by outside entities, all records	FOIA/PA-2011-0006
Databases containing information related to travel by NRC employees and/or financed by NRC	FOIA/PA-2011-0007
Allegation NRR-2002-A-0024 including all correspondence between named individual and NRC	FOIA/PA-2011-0008
Investigation on named individual	CON-2011-0001
Allegation RIV-2010-A-0141, hard copy documents submitted to Resident Inspector	FOIA/PA-2011-0009
Radioactive material licenses/permits within cities of Buford, Burns, Carpenter, Granite, Hillsdale, Horse Creek and South Greeley; City of Carr, Colorado	FOIA/PA-2011-0010
Regulatory Guide 1.54, "Service Level I, II and III Protective Coatings Applied to Nuclear Power Plants," records pertaining to the development and issuance	FOIA/PA-2011-0011
Occupation counts FY2010 for 0080, 0085, 1801, 1802, 1805, 1810 and 1811 and offices	FOIA/PA-2011-0012

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Ani, Suzanne	MC&A Physical Scientist	NMSS
Dionne, Bruce	Health Physicist	RI
Heller, Arthur	General Engineer (NSPDP)	NRR
Law, Yiu Kui	Mechanical Engineer	NRO
Schmidt, Joseph	Senior Policy Analyst	ADM
Woodfield, Jon	Transportation and Safety Inspector	NMSS
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Eck, Timothy	PHYSICAL SECURITY INSPECTOR	RIII

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

A letter from Rep. Markey (D-Massachusetts) regarding NRC's regulations for releasing iodine patients from hospitals and clinics after treatment.

The decision by the Chairman to transition the Yucca Mountain licensing review work into "orderly closure" under the Commission's FY11 budget guidance.

A report from GE Hitachi that discussed possible cracking issues involving boiling-water reactor control blades.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA sent letters to the editor in response to recent editorials that appeared in the Salt Lake Tribune, the Sacramento Bee, and the Seattle Times regarding the Yucca Mountain Budget decision.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
10-187	NRC Workshops in D.C., Los Angeles, and Houston to Discuss Potential Changes to Radiation Protection Regulations (10/19/10)
10-188	NRC Issues Final Environmental Impact Statement for Duane Arnold Nuclear Plant License Renewal Application (10/20/10)
10-189	NRC Provides Improved Access to Public Documents in ADAMS Through its Website (10/20/10)
10-190	NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to Meet November 4-6, 2010 in Rockville, Maryland; New Member Appointed (10/22/10)
Regions:	
I-10-044	NRC Issues \$34,000 Fine to Indiana, Pennsylvania, Firm Over Handling of Radioactive Sources (10/22/10)
I-10-045	NRC Assigns New Resident Inspector to Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant (10/22/10)
II-10-070	NRC Schedules Meeting in Jensen Beach to Discuss St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant (10/22/10)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Documents Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-10-0128	10/1/10	Proposed Rule: Domestic Licensing of Source Material – Amendments/Integrated Safety Analysis (RIN 3150-AI50)
2. SRM-SECY-10-0085	10/19/10	Proposed Rule: Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks and Security Event Notifications (RIN:3150-A149)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-10-0085	10/19/10	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-10-0134	10/18/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending October 8, 2010
2. SECY-10-0136	10/21/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending October 15, 2010
Memoranda		
1. M101014B	10/19/10	Briefing on Alternative Risk Metrics for New Light Water Reactors (SECY-10-0121)

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Procedures for Meetings.
2. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on AP1000, notice of meeting (11/17-19/2010).
3. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Power Uprates, notice of meeting (11/17/2010).
4. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRs Subcommittee on Reliability and PRA, notice of meeting (11/17/2010).
5. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and PRA, notice of meeting (11/16/2010).
6. NRC Seeks Qualified Candidates for the ACRS, Request for Resumes.

7. 10 CFR Part 50, Docket Nos. PRM-50-93 and PRM-50-95, Mark Edward Leyse; Mark Edward Leyse and Raymond Shadis, on Behalf of the New England Coalition; Petitions for Rulemaking; Notice of Consolidation of Petitions for Rulemaking and Re-opening of Comment Period.

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