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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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St. Lucie 1 Extended Power Uprate (EPU) Application

By application dated November 22, 2010, the licensee re-submitted a request for an 11.9% EPU for St. Lucie Unit 1. The EPU application includes a 1.7% measurement uncertainty recapture power uprate. On August 13, 2010, the licensee withdrew its April 16, 2010, request for the EPU after the staff informed the licensee that the application lacked sufficient information to proceed with its detailed technical review. The November 22, 2010, application indicates that it addresses the information lacking in the earlier application and requests NRC approval by February 1, 2012, to allow implementation of the EPU during mid-cycle, after the fall 2011 refueling outage. The staff expects to be able to meet this schedule since NRC's standard review time for an EPU is 12 months after NRC's acceptance of the application.

Issuance of the Renewed Operating License for Cooper Nuclear Station

On November 29, 2010, the operating license for Cooper Nuclear Station was renewed authorizing operation for an additional 20 years beyond the original license expiration date. The new expiration date is January 18, 2034. The staff completed the review as documented in the Safety Evaluation Report, NUREG-1944, published in October 2010 and Supplement 41 to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, NUREG-1437, published in July 2010. The issuance of the Cooper Nuclear Station renewed license brings the total number of renewals to 60 reactor units.

Meeting with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

From December 1 to December 4, 2010, the staff attended an IAEA meeting in Vienna, Austria. The purpose of the meeting was to support the development of a Safety Guide for Electrical Systems at new nuclear plants. The Safety Guide will be used for design and construction of nuclear plants by developing nations and by IAEA inspectors to evaluate compliance of proposed plants with internationally accepted designs. NRC participants are providing input from USA design and regulatory perspectives.

Issuance of the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3 Generic Environmental Impact Statement, Supplement 38, Final Report

On December 3, 2010, the staff issued Supplement 38 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants Regarding Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units Nos. 2 and 3, Final Report." This supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) includes the staff's analysis that considers and weighs the environmental impacts of the proposed action, the environmental impacts of alternatives to the proposed action, and mitigation measures available for reducing or avoiding adverse impacts. It also includes the staff's recommendation regarding the proposed action: the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy planning decision-makers would be unreasonable. The staff will issue a *Federal Register* notice on the availability of the final SEIS.

Office of Administration (ADM)
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Proposed Generic Communications Reporting for Decommissioning Funding Status Reports;
Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment (NRC-2010-0366)

On November 26, 2010, the NRC published a notice of opportunity (75 FR 72737) in the *Federal Register* for public comment on its proposal to issue a regulatory issue summary (RIS). The purpose of the RIS is to clarify information that licensees and external stakeholders should use and present to the NRC in their Decommissioning Funding Status reports. Further clarification will ensure that the NRC staff, licensees, and stakeholders are using consistent figures, and to prevent potential issues resulting from shortfalls in the licensee's decommissioning fund. The public comment period expires on December 27, 2010.

Final Rule; Miscellaneous Administrative Changes (NRC-2009-0085, RIN 3150-AH49)

On November 30, 2010, NRC published a final rule (75 FR 73935) in the *Federal Register* amending its regulations to make miscellaneous administrative changes. The changes include an update of the list of Agreement and Non-Agreement States, the merging of the Region II materials program with that of Region I, the correction of office titles associated with the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards and the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, the inclusion of references to new Executive Order 13526, and other edits, corrections, and conforming changes. This rule is effective December 30, 2010.

Administrative Support and Clerical Occupations

On December 2, 2010, as a result of a competitive acquisition under the General Services Administrative Federal Supply Schedule, a labor-hour delivery order (NRC-HQ-11-F-31-P002) was awarded to Contract Consultants, Inc. of Bedford, Texas for administrative support services (a travel clerk and a mailroom clerk) for Region IV. The period of performance for this delivery order is January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011, with four 1-year option years. The total price is \$546,100, which is inclusive of all options.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Semi-Annual Freedom of Information Act Training

On December 2, 2010, OIS staff, presented Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) training to Headquarters and Regional staff. The training covered FOIA processes and procedures, exemptions, reports, and the "foreseeable harm" standard.

FOIA and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of November 26, 2010, through December 2, 2010:

Inspector General records on named individual	FOIA/PA-2011-0037
Specific data for NRC employees, 2004-2009, including award amounts	FOIA/PA-2011-0038

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Kendzia, Thomas	REACTOR OPERATIONS ENGINEER	NRO
Lerch, Andrew	CONSTRUCTION PROJECT INSPECTOR	R-II
Lising, Allan	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
Turner, Dennis	SPACE DESIGNER	ADM
Terry-Ward, Denise	CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR	R-II
Retirements		
Bartlinski, Anita	HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	HR
Flo, Amanda	BRANCH CHIEF	CFO
Kukn, Nina	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	NSIR
Pohle, Jeffrey	BRANCH CHIEF	NMSS
Departures		
Brockman, Monnie	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-I
Eubanks-White, Darlene	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-IV
Jenkins, Kevin	STUDENT FINANCIAL ANALYST (CO-OP)	CFO
Svoboda, Philip	IT SPECIALIST	FSME

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

The NRC's filing to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board in which the staff notified the Board that it would not be publishing Volume 3 of the Yucca Mountain Safety Evaluation Report in November 2010.

The Commission affirmation of the decommissioning planning final rule.

The transfer of control over two uranium recovery licenses in Wyoming held by Uranium One to the new corporate structure controlled by the Russian firm ARMZ.

An overflow of mildly radioactive water at the Fermi nuclear power plant (Michigan).

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA did a recorded interview about Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant (Vermont) with WAMC (Vermont) on the response to the 10 CFR 2.206 petition response to Congressman Hodes.

OPA did a brief radio interview with WJCW (Tennessee) to discuss the restart of the most recent production line at Nuclear Fuel Services.

OPA contacted some news stations to correct the record on erroneous stories they ran about the NRC's regulations on releasing I-131 patients from the hospital.

OPA did a recorded interview with WOBN-FM (New Jersey) on an Unusual Event at Oyster Creek nuclear power plant (New Jersey) last week.

OPA facilitated an interview of two NRC staffers for Inside NRC on the final decommissioning planning rule approved by the Commission this week.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
10-213	NRC Approves New Environmental Protection Requirements for Licensees to Avoid Future Legacy Sites (11/30/10)
10-214	NRC Renews Operating License for Cooper Nuclear Power Plant for an Additional 20 Years (11/30/10)
10-215	NRC Issues Final Environmental Impact Statement for Indian Point Nuclear Plant License Renewal Application (12/3/10)

Regions:	
I-10-048	NRC Assigns New Resident Inspector to Salem Nuclear Power Plant (12/1/10)
II-10-081	NRC Staff Schedules Meeting With Shaw Areva MOX Services to Discuss Performance at Mixed Oxide Facility (11/30/10)
II-10-082	NRC Issues Confirmatory Order to Areva Richland Facility (12/3/10)
II-10-083	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss Fire Protection Issues at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (12/3/10)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Documents Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM on SECY-10-0128	11/30/10	Proposed Rule: Domestic Licensing of Source Material – Amendments/Integrated Safety Analysis (RIN 3150-A150)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-10-0128	11/30/10	(same)
2. Chairman Jaczko Vote and Comments on SECY-10-0142	11/24/10	Proposed Rule: U.S. Advanced Boiling Water Reactor Aircraft Impact Design Certification Amendment (RIN 3150-A184)
3. Commission Voting Record on SECY-09-0042	11/30/10	Final Rule: Decommissioning Planning (10 CFR Parts 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, and 72; RIN-3150-A155)
4. SRM-SECY-10-0105	12/02/10	Final Rule: Limiting the Quantity of Byproduct Material in a Generally Licensed Device (RIN 3150-A133)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-10-0105	12/02/10	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-10-0148	11/10/10	Path Forward for Addressing the Variances Between Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 73.21, Safeguards Information Protection Requirements and Nuclear Regulatory Commission Security Orders
2. SECY-10-0149	11/10/10	Status of the Decommissioning Program—2010 Annual Report
3. SECY-10-0150	11/12/10	Closing Fire Protection Issues – Semiannual Update – November 2010
4. SECY-10-0154	11/30/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending November 19, 2010
5. SECY-10-0157	12/03/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending November 26, 2010

Memoranda		
1. M101130A	11/30/10	Staff Requirements – Affirmation Session: I. SECY-09-0042 – Final Rule: Decommissioning Planning (10 CFR Parts 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, and 72; RIN-3150-AI55); II. SECY-10-0124 – Tennessee Valley Authority (Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 2), Southern Alliance for Clean Energy’s Petition for Interlocutory Review of LBP-10-12 (Denying SACE’s Waiver Petition) (July 14, 2010); III. SECY-10-0138 – Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3) Motions for Interlocutory Review by Staff and Applicant of LBP-10-13 (Contention Admissibility Decision)
2. M101130A (REVISED)	12/01/10	Staff Requirements – Affirmation Session: I. SECY-09-0042 – Final Rule: Decommissioning Planning (10 CFR Parts 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, and 72; RIN-3150-AI55); II. SECY-10-0124 – Tennessee Valley Authority (Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 2), Southern Alliance for Clean Energy’s Petition for Interlocutory Review of LBP-10-12 (Denying SACE’s Waiver Petition) (July 14, 2010); III. SECY-10-0138 – Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3) Motions for Interlocutory Review by Staff and Applicant of LBP-10-13 (Contention Admissibility Decision)

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congressman Edward J. Markey, provides an initial response to request for information to assist the Subcommittee on its investigation of medical event reporting and notification.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Notice of Appointment of Adjudicatory Employee, In the Matter of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 & 2).
2. 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.

3. Proposed Rule. 10 CFR Parts 71 and 73, Advance Notification to Native American Tribes of Transportation of Certain Types of Nuclear Waste.

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