

INFORMATION REPORT

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*No input this week.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Issuance of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station License Renewal Generic Environmental Impact Statement, Supplement 43, Final Report

On January 3, 2011, the staff issued Supplement 43 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants Regarding Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Final Report." This supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) includes the staff's analysis that considers and weighs the environmental effects 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: that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station are not great enough to deny the option of license renewal for energy-planning decision-makers. The final SEIS is publicly available in ADAMS using Accession No. ML103560149. The staff will issue a *Federal Register* notice on the availability of the final SEIS.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Publication of Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide (RG) 3.71, “Nuclear Criticality Safety Standards for Fuels and Material Facilities”

On January 3, 2011, the RES staff published revision 2 of RG 3.71, “Nuclear Criticality Safety Standards for Fuels and Material Facilities.” This guide endorses—with some exceptions—specific nuclear criticality safety standards developed by the American Nuclear Society’s Standards Subcommittee 8 (ANS-8), “Operations with Fissionable Materials Outside Reactors.” RG 3.71 was developed to provide guidance, criteria, and best practices for use in preventing and mitigating criticality accidents during operations that involve handling, processing, storing, and/or transporting special nuclear material at fuel and material facilities. The guide is not intended for use by nuclear reactor licensees. RG 3.71 is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/fuels-materials/rg/>.

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of December 31, 2010, through January 6, 2011:

All records involving use of radioactive isotopes, pellets, implanted in patients at the Veterans Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and Lebanon to treat prostate cancer	FOIA/PA 2011-0055
All material created during or supporting the granting of security clearance	FOIA/PA 2011-0056
RIV-2009-A-0107, all investigative materials for whistleblower complaint	FOIA/PA 2011-0057
Reciprocity Approvals issued by NRC 1/1/10-12/31/10	FOIA/PA 2011-0058
Nuclear Reactors that have had some sort of Release and Cleanup	FOIA/PA 2011-0059
Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) licenses by Region II; number of active SRO licenses issued to new applicants, and number of new applicants which previously held a license	FOIA/PA 2011-0060

Office of Human Resources (HR)
Items of Interest
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Arrivals		
Bacon, Daniel	Operations Engineer	RII
Larkins, John	Civil Rights Specialist	SBCR
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Collins, Travis	Student Engineer	RES
Fitz, Jonah	Student Administrative Assistant	ACRS
Garcia, Karla	Student Contract Assistant (Co-Op)	ACRS
Golubski, Adam	Student Engineer (Co-Op)	NRR
Tadlock, Thea	Student Engineer (Co-Op)	NRR

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

The contentions being considered by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board panel handling the Calvert Cliffs nuclear plant's (Maryland) new reactor proceeding.

Patient release criteria for patients treated with radioactive iodine-131.

Briefs submitted by Nevada and the U.S. government on the Yucca Mountain case in the District Court of Appeals.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA pushed back with Newsweek reporter on a story that erroneously reported that a spent fuel fire would be a foregone conclusion were a storage pool drained by a terrorist attack.

OPA did a recorded interview with WOBN-FM (of Ocean County, New Jersey) discussing the NRC's take on an appeal by environmental groups of the NRC's decision in 2009 to relicense Oyster Creek nuclear power plant (New Jersey).

OPA did a radio interview with the South Carolina News Network about the predecisional enforcement conference with the Westinghouse fuel plant near Columbia, South Carolina.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
11-001	NRC Approves Use of Advanced Fire Protection Standard at Oconee Nuclear Plant in South Carolina (1/3/11)
11-002	NRC Issues Final Safety Evaluation Report For Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal (1/3/11)
11-003	Atomic Safety Licensing Board to Hold Evidentiary Hearings Beginning January 25, 2011 on Areva Application for Uranium Enrichment Plant in Idaho (1/5/11)
11-004	Registration Opens for NRC Regulatory Information Conference March 8-10 in Rockville, Maryland (1/10/11)
Regions:	
II-11-001	Victor McCree Named Administrator of NRC's RII Office (1/4/11)
II-11-002	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss Safety Culture at Florida Power and Light Company's Nuclear Plants (1/5/11)
II-11-003	NRC Schedules Enforcement Conference in Atlanta with Westinghouse Nuclear Fuel Plant Officials (1/5/11)

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IV-11-001	NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant (1/3/11)
IV-11-002	NRC To Hold Regulatory Conference with Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant (1/3/11)

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Documents Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. COMWDM-10-0002	12/1/10	Interactive Learning Center for White Flint Headquarters Complex
SRM on COMWDM-10-0002	1/5/11	(same)
Commission Voting Record on COMWDM-10-0002	1/5/11	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-11-0001	1/3/11	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending December 24, 2010
2. SECY-11-0004	1/7/11	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending December 31, 2010

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Robert McDonnell, Governor of Virginia, dated December 22, 2010, responds to letter regarding nuclear energy expansion.
2. Letter to Secretary Steven Chu, U.S. Department of Energy, dated December 22, 2010, provides letter from the Southern States Energy Board regarding the Loan Guarantee Program for nuclear plants.
3. Letter to Representative John Spratt, Jr., dated December 22, 2010, responds to letter expressing concern about the agency's high-level waste program execution during the Continuing Resolution.
4. Letter to Congressman Jerry Lewis, dated December 22, 2010, responds to letter expressing concern about the agency's high-level waste program execution during the Continuing Resolution.
5. Letter to Congressman Jerry Castello, dated December 20, 2010, responds to letter regarding safety concerns at the Honeywell facility in Metropolis, Illinois.

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.

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2. Proposed Rule: Extension of comment period, 10 CFR Part 73, Physical Protection of Irradiated Reactor Fuel in Transit.

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