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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Issuance of Renewed Operating License for Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station

On March 21, 2011, the operating license for Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station was renewed, authorizing operation for an additional 20 years beyond the original license expiration date. The new expiration date is March 21, 2032. The staff completed its review, as documented in the Safety Evaluation Report (SER), NUREG-1907 published in May 2008 and in two SER supplements published in September 2009 and March 2011. The Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, NUREG-1437 Supplement 30, was published in August 2007. The issuance of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station renewed license brings the total number of renewals to 63 reactor units.

Public Meeting on Turkey Point, St Lucie, and Point Beach Transition to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805

On March 22, 2011, the staff held a Category 1 public meeting with Florida Power and Light Company representatives to discuss the transition to 10 CFR 50.48(c), NFPA 805, for Turkey Point, Units 3 and 4, St. Lucie, Units 1 and 2, and Point Beach, Units 1 and 2.

Public Meeting on Catawba and McGuire transition to NFPA 805

On March 23, 2011, the staff held a Category 1 public meeting with Duke Energy representatives to discuss the transition to 10 CFR 50.48(c), NFPA 805, for Catawba, Units 1 and 2, and McGuire, Units 1 and 2.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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NMSS System Training Course

On March 22, 2011, staff from NMSS provided opening remarks and greetings to the industry representatives who attended the training class for reporting site information to the Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System (NMMSS) database. This hour training course was presented by the operator of the NMMSS database and designed to explain the process and procedures for reporting receipts, shipments, and inventory of source and special nuclear materials to the database. The training course was held at the Department of Energy's (DOE) Germantown, Maryland site. This training course is offered approximately twice a year. NMSS implements an Interagency Agreement with DOE that allows the NRC to utilize the NMMSS database. All NRC and the Agreement State licensees who possess a gram or more of special nuclear material are required to report their receipt, shipment, and inventory of special nuclear material to the NMMSS database.

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Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)
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License Tracking System (LTS) Upgraded

On March 14, 2011, FSME has launched version 2.2 of the LTS. LTS 2.2 replaced and enhanced all features previously available in the legacy LTS. The Web-Based Licensing (WBL) system will be built on the LTS platform and many of the requirements for WBL are being addressed in new LTS releases. Additionally, the NRC is developing a distributed version of LTS to provide to the Agreement States for use. The LTS Distributed Version is based on version 2.2.

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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Economic Simplified Boiling-Water Reactor (ESBWR) Design Certification; Proposed Rule
(RIN 3150-AI85, NRC-2010-0135)

On March 24, 2011, the NRC published a proposed rule (76 FR 16549) in the *Federal Register* proposing to amend its regulations to certify the ESBWR standard plant design. This action is necessary so that applicants or licensees intending to construct and operate an ESBWR design may do so by referencing this design certification rule (DCR). The applicant for certification of the ESBWR design is General Electric-Hitachi Nuclear Energy. The public is invited to submit comments on this proposed DCR, the generic design control document (DCD) that would be incorporated by reference into the DCR, and the environmental assessment (EA) for the ESBWR design. Comments on the DCR, DCD, and/or EA are due by June 7, 2011. Comments specific to the information collections aspects of this proposed rule are due by April 25, 2011.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of March 18, 2011, through March 24, 2011:

Nuclear Material Events Database (NMED), releasable portion & record layout, code sheets, etc.	FOIA/PA-2011-0123
Investigative report on work status on named individual	FOIA/PA-2011-0124
Vacancy Announcement Number RIII/DRP-2011-0004, hiring certificate	FOIA/PA-2011-0125
NMED, all years	FOIA/PA-2011-0126
Allegation RIII-09-A-0094 & RIII-10-A-0055, all records	FOIA/PA-2011-0127
Radiation-emissions data collected in Japan and provided to the U.S., March 1, 2011, to present	FOIA/PA-2011-0128
Comanche Peak plant, latest evacuation plans	FOIA/PA-2011-0129
Senator Scott Brown, correspondence between him or his staff & NRC, 2-4-2010 to present	FOIA/PA-2011-0130
Inquiry into testimony of EDO interview of CIA Director for Operations Carl Duckett, NRC offices of General Counsel & Inspector & Auditor, February 1978, Vol. III & related documents	FOIA/PA-2011-0131
Radiation exposure on named individual, Metropolis, Illinois, 1958-1961; plant's chemical releases (Allied Chemical)	FOIA/PA-2011-0132
Contract NRC-33-01-182-002, all SF 294s & SF 295s	FOIA/PA-2011-0133
Exemptions or amendment to exemptions issued to any commercial reactor or operator of a reactor pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, copy of each exemption	FOIA/PA-2011-0134
Fukushima reactors in Japan, all records created since March 10, 2011, containing measurements of radiation released to air, soil & water, analysis of measurements	FOIA/PA-2011-0135
Calendar/schedule for Chairman & Commissioners – Jaczko & Svinicki 1-10-10 to 3-23-11, Magwood & Ostendorff 4-1-10 to 3-23-11, & Apostolakis 4-23-10 to 3-23-11	FOIA/PA-2011-0136
Exemptions to NRC regulations at any nuclear facility, any letters or memos documenting or authorizing	FOIA/PA-2011-0137
NRC personnel roster on or about March 23, 2011, specific data requested	FOIA/PA-2011-0138
Email or electronic messages sent or received including attachments from 3-11-11 to 3-18-11 for named NRC staff including the Chairman, Commissioners, Office of the Congressional Affairs & OPA	FOIA/PA-2011-0139
Email or electronic messages sent or received including attachments from 3-11-11 to 3-18-11 for named NRC staff including OIP, RI, RII, RIII, RIV, NMSS, NRR, RES & NSIR	FOIA/PA-2011-0140

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Email or electronic messages sent or received including attachments from 3-11-11 to 3-18-11 for named NRC staff	FOIA/PA-2011-0141
50-mile evacuation recommendation, detailed list of assumptions used to determine this radius	FOIA/PA-2011-0142
Medical sites using radioactive materials including positron-emitting isotopes, specific site categories	FOIA/PA-2011-0143
Furniture Cleaning, Carpet Cleaning, installation and Repairs Invoice for past two years	FOIA/PA-2011-0144
Business with Radioactive Material Licenses/Permits in named locations	FOIA/PA-2011-0145

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Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Butcavage, Alexander	REACTOR INSPECTOR	R-II
Dombroski, Sandra	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-III
Gutteridge, John	PROGRAM ANALYST	HR
Ishmael, William	SR. IT MANAGER	ADM
Oliver, David	OPERATIONS ENGINEER	R-III
Tabatabai, Sarah	GEOPHYSICIST	NRO
Tseng, Ian	MECHANICAL ENGINEER (NSPDP)	NRO
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Colleli, Catherine	SENIOR ANALYST	OIG
Geary, Joseph	SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	SBCR

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

The Japanese earthquake and tsunami disaster.

A meeting between New York State and NRC officials regarding state concerns over the operation of Indian Point nuclear power plant (New York) in light of recent seismic reviews and the Japan event.

The license renewal for Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant (Vermont).

An upcoming meeting between Entergy and NRC staff on quality control changes involving the company's fleet of nuclear power plants.

The safety of spent fuel storage.

Letters from California Senators Boxer and Feinstein and Representative Capps surrounding concerns about the capacity of the state's nuclear power plants to withstand natural and man-made disasters in light of the unfolding situation in Japan.

The NRC's seismic risk study.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA did a recorded interview with News 12 on Long Island, New York, regarding our regulatory basis for Emergency Planning Zones.

OPA did a recorded interview with public radio station WMFE-FM in Orlando, Florida, focusing on recent containment issues at Crystal River, the NRC response to nuclear events in Japan, and overall NRC oversight.

Since the Japan disaster on March 11, 2011, the NRC has responded to approximately 550 inquiries from the public and 500 inquiries from the media.

OPA did a recorded interview with talk radio station WVOP-AM in Vidalia, Georgia, on the NRC's inspection program at Edwin Hatch nuclear power plant (Georgia).

OPA helped coordinate the Commission briefing on the situation in Japan, at which Chairman Jaczko gave remarks.

OPA supported public meetings at Braidwood and Robinson nuclear power plants.

OPA developed a website off its main page with information on the NRC's activities with regard to the Japan nuclear event.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
11-053	NRC Posts Updated Seismic Questions and Answers (3/19)
11-054	Opening Remarks of NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko at Today's Commission Meeting on the Events in Japan (3/21)
11-055	Nuclear Regulatory Commission Directs Staff on Continuing Agency Response to Japan Events; Adjusts Commission Schedule (3/23)
11-056	NRC Seeks Comment on Proposed Rule to Certify General Electric-Hitachi Economic Simplified Boiling-Water Reactor Design (3/24)
11-057	NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to Meet April 7-9 in Rockville, Maryland (3/24)
11-058	NRC Issues Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Vogtle New Reactors Application (3/25)
Regions:	
II-11-010	NRC to Discuss 2010 Performance of Farley Nuclear Power Plant (3/23)
IV-11-007	NRC Sends Special Inspection Team to Callaway Nuclear Plant (3/21)
IV-11-008	NRC to Discuss 2010 Performance Assessment for Fort Calhoun Nuclear Plant (3/23)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM-SECY-10-0140	03/21/11	Options for Revising the Construction Reactor Oversight Process Assessment Program
Commission Voting Record on SECY-10-0140	03/21/11	(same)
2. Chairman Jaczko's Vote and Comments on SECY-11-0023	03/22/11	Jurisdiction for Military Operational Radium-226
3. COMGBJ-11-0002	03/23/11	NRC Actions Following the Events in Japan
SRM-COMGBJ-11-0002	03/23/11	(same)
Commission Voting Record on COMGBJ-11-0002	03/23/11	(same)
4. SECY-11-0033 REDACTED VERSION	03/4/11	Proposed NRC Staff Approach to Address Resource Challenges Associated with Review of a Large Number of NFPA 805 License Amendment Requests
5. SECY-11-0035	03/10/11	Integrated Plan, Title 10 CFR Part 35, Medical Use of Byproduct Material, Activities and Options for Streamlining the Medical Rulemaking Petition and Rulemaking Processes
6. SRM-SECY-11-0023	03/24/11	Jurisdiction for Military Operational Radium-226
Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0023	03/24/11	(same)
7. SRM-SECY-11-0003 and SECY-11-0028	03/24/11	Status of Enforcement Discretion Request and Rulemaking Activities Related to 10 CFR Part 26, Subpart I, "Managing Fatigue" and SECY-11-0028 – Options for Implementing an Alternative Interim Regulatory Approach to the Minimum Days Off Provisions of 10 CFR Part 26, Subpart I, "Managing Fatigue"
Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0003	03/24/11	Status of Enforcement Discretion Request and Rulemaking Activities Related to 10 CFR Part 26, Subpart I, "Managing Fatigue"
Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0028	03/24/11	Options for Implementing an Alternative Interim Regulatory Approach to the Minimum Days Off Provisions of 10 CFR Part 26, Subpart I, "Managing Fatigue"

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Information Papers		
1. SECY-11-0034	03/9/11	Memorandum of Understanding Between the NRC and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards
2. SECY-11-0038	03/24/11	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending March 11, 2011

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Governor Jerry Brown, State of California, dated March 18, 2011, requesting that a State Liaison Officer be appointed to act as primary liaison to the NRC.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Future Plant Designs, notice of meeting (04/05/2011).
2. Request for a License to Export Reactor Components – Curtiss-Wright Electro-Mechanical Corporation, Application No. XR173, Docket No. 11005918.
3. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company (South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2).
4. Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes, notice of meeting (04/2011-12/2011).