

INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Issuance of Technical Bases Document for Revision 2 to Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) Report

On April 29, 2011, staff issued NUREG-1950, "Disposition of Public Comments and Technical Bases for Changes in the License Renewal Guidance Documents NUREG-1801 and NUREG-1800." NUREG-1950 is a knowledge management/transfer document associated with Revision 2 of NUREG-1801, "Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) Report," and Revision 2 to NUREG-1800, "Standard Review Plan for Review of License Renewal Applications for Nuclear Power Plants." NUREG-1950 responds to public comments received on draft versions of the revisions and provides the technical bases for the changes associated with both documents. NUREG-1950 is available at ADAMS Accession No. ML11116A062.

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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Performance Management Tool: Internal Control

On April 14, 2011, as a result of a U.S. General Services Administration Federal Supply Schedule competitive solicitation, a labor hour task order (NRC-HQ-11-F-09-0002) was awarded to Kelly, Anderson & Associates of Alexandria, Virginia. The purpose of the task order is to obtain contractor support to ensure that the agency's programmatic internal control program is producing the intended results and is in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget's guidance. The period of performance for the task order is April 14, 2011, through December 30, 2011, with no option periods. The total estimated ceiling for the task order is \$127,937.28.

Interim Enforcement Policy for Minimum Days Off Requirements: Revision (RIN 3150-AI94, NRC-2011-0084)

On April 25, 2011, NRC published an Interim Enforcement Policy statement (76 FR 22802) revising its enforcement policy to include a provision allowing licensees enforcement discretion if they implement an alternative approach to meet the NRC requirements for managing worker fatigue at operating nuclear power plants. This interim policy affects licensees subject to the minimum days off (MDO) requirements of the NRC's fitness for duty regulations and will remain in place until the NRC publishes a revised rule associated with the MDO requirements for managing fatigue. This revision was effective on April 25, 2011.

Alternative to Minimum Days Off Requirements: Proposed Rule (RIN 3150-AI94, NRC-2011-0058)

On April 26, 2011, the NRC published a proposed rule (76 FR 23208) to amend its regulations governing the fitness for duty of workers at nuclear power plants. These amendments would allow holders of nuclear power plant operating licenses the option to use a different method from the one currently prescribed in the NRC regulations for determining when certain nuclear power plant workers must be afforded time off from work to ensure that such workers are not impaired due to cumulative fatigue caused by work schedules. The public comment period closes on May 26, 2011.

Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications: Extension of Comment Period (RIN 3150-AI49, NRC-2011-0018, NRC-2011-0014, NRC-2011-0015, NRC-2011-0017)

On April 27, 2011, the NRC published an extension of comment period (76 FR 23515) for a proposed rule [NRC-2011-0018] published on February 3, 2011 (76 FR 6200), that would implement its authority under the new Section 161A of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and revise existing regulations governing security event notifications. These proposed regulations are consistent with the provisions of the Firearms Guidelines the NRC published under Section 161A with the approval of the U.S. Attorney General on September 11, 2009 (74 FR 46800). In addition, the NRC proposed revisions addressing security event

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notifications from different classes of facilities and the transportation of radioactive material and would add new event notification requirements on the theft or loss of enhanced weapons. Concurrent with this proposed rule, the NRC published for comment the draft "Weapons Safety Assessment" (76 FR 6087) [NRC-2011-0017], the draft Regulatory Guide DG-5020, "Applying for Enhanced Weapons Authority, Applying for Preemption Authority, and Accomplishing Firearms Background Checks under 10 CFR Part 73" (76 FR 6086) [NRC-2011-0015], and the revised Regulatory Guide DG-5019, "Reporting and Recording Safeguards Events" (76 FR 6085) [NRC-2011-0014]. A 90-day comment period was provided for the proposed rule, the weapons safety assessment, and the associated regulatory guidance documents that would have expired on May 4, 2011. The NRC extended the comment period submittal deadline by an additional 90 days for the proposed rule, the associated regulatory guidance documents, and the weapons safety assessment from the original May 4, 2011, deadline to August 2, 2011.

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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 April 22, 2011 through April 28, 2011:

Radioactive materials stored/used within 20 miles of named locations	FOIA/PA-2011-0197
Allegation Report NRO-2010-A-0008	FOIA/PA-2011-0198
Office of Investigation #s C-07-057, C-07-024. All investigative reports January 1, 2010, through April 27, 2011	FOIA/PA-2011-0199
Specific information on named individual in Personnel Access Data System (PADS) September 1, 2007, through April 21, 2011	FOIA/PA-2011-0200
Companies or businesses that currently have radioactive material licenses/permits within Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond and Westmoreland counties	FOIA/PA-2011-0201
Convention on Nuclear Safety's Triennial meeting in Vienna, April 4-10, 2011, April 14-25, 2008, April 11-22, 2005, April 15-26, 2002, and April 12-23, 1999, summary documents, note, reports	FOIA/PA-2011-0202

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
None		
Retirements		
Hornseth, Geoffrey	SENIOR MATERIALS ENGINEER	NMSS
Owen, Lucille	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-IV
White, Darrell	SENIOR INVESTIGATOR	OI
Departures		
Collins, Travis	STUDENT ENGINEER	RES

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

The impact of the Japanese earthquake and tsunami disaster on nuclear power plants in the United States.

Entergy filing a suit in federal court challenging Vermont's claim it has the ability to shut the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant down.

A regulatory conference with Nebraska Public Power District officials for Cooper nuclear power plant (Nebraska).

A special inspection at Perry nuclear power plant (Ohio) associated with increased levels of radiation identified when workers were removing a neutron monitor from a reactor.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA coordinated a Homeland Security Today interview with NRC staff about security guidelines and best practices that have been developed to improve nuclear plant security since 9/11.

OPA supported a performance review meeting for Global Nuclear Fuels America in Wilmington, North Carolina.

OPA responded to a New York Times editorial page in response to queries about the MSNBC story on GI-199 research, pointing out the errors MSNBC made in attempting to "rank" U.S. plants according to seismic risk.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
11-069	Online Registration Open for Fuel Cycle Information Exchange, June 7-8 in Rockville, MD. (4/25)
11-070	NRC Seeks Public Comments on New Proposed "Time Off" Amendment to its Fitness-For-Duty Regulations (4/26)
11-071	Opening Remarks of Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko at Commission Briefing on Japan and the Station Blackout Rule (4/28)
11-072	NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to Meet May 12-14 in Rockville, MD. (4/28)

Regions:	
I-11-008	NRC to Hold Public Meeting on May 5 in Macedon, New York. to Discuss annual Assessment of Ginna Nuclear Power Plant (4/26)
I-11-009	NRC to Hold Public Meeting on May 10th in Salem, New Jersey to Discuss Annual Assessment of Salem, Hope Creek Nuclear Power Plants (4/29)
II-11-028	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss Safety Performance of Honeywell Metropolis Facility (4/27)
II-11-029	NRC Staff to Meet with USEC to Discuss Performance at Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (4/27)
II-11-030	NRC Monitors Events at Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant After Loss of Offsite Power and Unusual Event Declaration (4/28)
IV-11-016	NRC to Hold Open House to Discuss 2010 Performance of Arkansas Nuclear One (4/26)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-11-0053	4/8/11	Final Rule: Enhancements to Emergency Preparedness Regulations (10 CFR Part 50 and 10 CFR Part 52) (RIN-3150-AI10)
2. SRM on SECY-11-0049	4/28/11	Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes Reporting Structure: Options, Analysis, and Proposed Implementation Plans
Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0049	4/28/11	(same)
3. Chairman Jaczko vote and comments on SECY-11-0024	4/22/11	Use of Risk Insights to Enhance the Safety Focus of Small Modular Reactor Reviews
Information Papers		
1. SECY-11-0055	4/21/11	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending April 8, 2011
2. SECY-11-0054	4/8/11	Reactor Oversight Process Self-Assessment for Calendar Year 2010
3. SECY-11-0059	4/25/11	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending April 15, 2011
4. SECY-11-0056	4/14/11	Annual Report to the Commission on Licensee Performance in the Materials and Waste Programs Fiscal Year 2010

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congressman Edward Markey and Congresswoman Lois Capps, dated April 21, 2011, responds to letter concerning a number of important questions and concerns regarding recent events in Japan and their implications for the continuing safety of nuclear power plants in the United States.
2. Letter to Congresswoman Nita Lowey, dated April 21, 2011, responds to letter concerning Indian Point Nuclear Generating Station Units 2 & 3 in light of recent events in Japan and their implications for ensuring continued safety of nuclear power plants in the United States.
3. Letter to Congress, dated April 18, 2011, responds to letter requesting information relating to the electronic systems in use at the NRC.

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Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Materials, Metallurgy & Reactor Fuels, notice of meeting (05/10/2011).