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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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Draft Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability – 10 CFR Part 50 (NRC-2011-0129)

On June 7, 2011, the NRC published for public comment a notice of issuance and availability for Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-1253, "Preoperational Testing of Emergency Core Cooling Systems for Pressurized-Water Reactors" (76 FR 32878) in the *Federal Register*. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations and techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Medical Use Regulations; Availability of Preliminary Draft Rule Language and Notice of Public Workshops; Correction, 10 CFR Part 35 (RIN 3150-AI26, 3150-AI63, NRC-2008-0071 and NRC-2008-0175)

On June 8, 2011, the NRC published a correction (76 FR 33173) to a preliminary draft rule that was originally published in the *Federal Register* on May 20, 2011 (76 FR 29171). The document announced plans to hold public workshops to solicit comments on certain issues under consideration to amend the medical use regulations, provided logistical information regarding the first (June 20-21, 2011, in New York, New York) of two (August 2011 in Houston, Texas) planned public workshops, and noticed the availability of preliminary draft rule language concerning the NRC's proposed amendments to the medical use regulations. This document corrects a Regulatory Identifier Number that appears in the heading and adds additional information regarding the availability of the preliminary draft rule language.

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: HI-STORM Flood/Wind Addition, Direct Final Rule: Confirmation of Effective Date, 10 CFR Part 72 (RIN 3150-AI90, NRC-2011-0007)

On June 9, 2011, the NRC published a notice confirming the effective date of June 13, 2011 (76 FR 33121) for the direct final rule that was published in the *Federal Register* on March 28, 2011 (76 FR 17019). This direct final rule amended the NRC's spent fuel storage regulations to add the Holtec HI-STORM Flood/Wind cask system to the "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks" as Certificate of Compliance Number 1032.

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Belding, Sean	STUDENT ENGINEER (SUMMER)	R-III
Hansing, Nicholas	STUDENT ENGINEER (SUMMER)	R-III
Saunders, Aaron	STUDENT CLERK (SUMMER)	R-III
Wagner, Fransha	STUDENT ENGINEER (SUMMER)	R-II
Woods, Mary	FACILITIES SECURITY SPECIALIST (CO-OP)	ADM
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
None		

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Public Meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), Fuel Cycle Licensees and Certificate Holders

On June 6, 2011, staff led a public meeting with representatives of NEI, fuel cycle licensees and certificate holders to discuss enhancements to the fuel cycle oversight process (FCOP). Staff from Region II, and the Offices of Enforcement and Nuclear Security and Incident Response also participated. The topics discussed in this public meeting included the proposed enhancements to the FCOP, results of an initial assessment of current licensee commitments to corrective action programs, revisions to the NRC Enforcement Policy, the proposed safety and security cornerstones in the enhanced FCOP, and the path forward.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Sponsored Meeting on Bulletin 2011-01

From June 6-9, 2011, staff attended an NEI-sponsored meeting of industry representatives regarding Bulletin 2011-01. The staff has issued Bulletin 2011-01 to companies licensed to operate U.S. nuclear power plants, requesting information on how the plants are complying with requirements to deal with the potential loss of large areas of the plant after extreme events. The NRC seeks information on the plants' approach to ensuring their strategies remain effective over time. Plants have until June 10, 2011, to respond to the Bulletin with information confirming their mitigative-strategy equipment is in place and available, as well as that the strategies can be carried out with current plant staffing. Plants have until July 11, 2011, to respond to the Bulletin with further information in areas including: (1) how essential resources are maintained, tested and controlled to ensure availability, (2) how strategies are re-evaluated if plant conditions or configurations change, and (3) how arrangements are reached and maintained with local emergency response organizations. The purpose of NEI's meeting was to develop a standard industry approach to responding to the 60-day information request portion of the Bulletin. Staff reviewed a draft of the template and provided comments on the final day of the meeting, in addition to discussing things that would be likely to trigger a need for requests for additional information to supplement the responses.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Public Meeting on Primary Water Stress Corrosion Cracking (PWSCC)

From June 6-7, 2011, the staff held a public meeting with industry representatives on. The staff and its contractors along with industry representatives discussed results of recent alloy 690 characterization activities, testing and modeling of crack initiation and growth, chemical methods for PWSCC mitigation, effects of fabrication processes, and recent developments in optimizing weld filler metal compositions.

RES Meeting with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and University of Maryland Staff on Condition Monitoring of Cables

On June 7, 2011, the RES staff met with NIST and University of Maryland staff to discuss collaboration on equipment qualification research with respect to the condition monitoring of cables. The RES staff toured the High Energy Linear Accelerator (electron beam) and the nuclear research reactor at the University of Maryland and found adequate capabilities for future activities in assessing life extension beyond 60 years.

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

The NRC's Severe Accident Mitigation Guidelines reviews in wake of the Japan incident.

The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy's hearing (6/14/2011) on an NRC Inspector General report about the Chairman's actions on Yucca Mountain.

The House Science Committee's report about the Administration's actions with respect to Yucca Mountain.

An alert issued at Fort Calhoun nuclear power plant (Nebraska) regarding a fire in the west switchgear room that affected spent fuel cooling pumps.

A petition from Representative Markey (D-Massachusetts) asking that plants not be allowed to apply for license renewal with only 20 years elapsed from their original operating licenses.

A press conference that followed an Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development meeting on the Fukushima issue at which the Chairman spoke.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA did a recorded interview with KYW News Radio (in Philadelphia) on the NRC's perspective on the shutdowns at the Limerick nuclear power plant (Pennsylvania).

OPA supported an annual assessment meeting for the Crystal River nuclear power plant (Florida).

OPA did a recorded interview with WOBN-FM (of Ocean County, New Jersey) on the Severe Accident Mitigation Guidelines inspections generally and Oyster Creek nuclear power plant (New Jersey) specifically.

OPA responded to an article in Outside Magazine on "how to survive an apocalypse" that included a nuclear section, explaining the manner in which nuclear events unfold and emergency measures the NRC and nuclear plants have in place.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
11-097	NRC Continues Examination of Emergency Procedures at U.S. Nuclear Plants (6/06/2011)
11-098	Opening Statement of NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko at Today's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Meeting (6/06/2011)

11-099	Statement of NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko (6/08/2011)
11-100	NRC Launches Plain Writing Section on Website (6/09/2011)
11-101	Atomic Safety License Board to Conduct Environmental Hearing on AREVA'S Uranium Enrichment Plant Proposed for Idaho (6/09/2011)
11-102	Joint Press Release on Cooperation Regarding the Accident at Tokyo Electric Power Company's Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant; Gregory Jaczko, Chairman, NRC, Goshi Hosono, Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Japan (6/10/2011)
Regions:	
I-11-020	International Safety Review Team to Visit Seabrook Nuclear Plant (6/07/2011)
III-11-020	Schedules Public Meeting for June 15, 2011, to Discuss Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant Performance and NRC Oversight (6/06/2011)
III-11-021	Schedules Open House for June 16, 2011, to Discuss D. C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant Performance and NRC Oversight (6/06/2011)
IV-11-025	Dates Corrected: NRC Monitored Alert, Flooding at Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station (6/08/2011)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. Staff Requirements Memorandum on SECY-11-0061	6/10/2011	A Request to Revise the Interim Enforcement Policy for Fire Protection Issues on 10 CFR 50.48(C) to Allow Licensees to Submit License Amendment Requests in a Staggered Approach (RIN 3150-AG48)
2. Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0061	6/10/2011	A Request to Revise the Interim Enforcement Policy for Fire Protection Issues on 10 CFR 50.48(C) to Allow Licensees to Submit License Amendment Requests in a Staggered Approach (RIN 3150-AG48)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-11-0072	6/01/2011	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending May 20, 2011
2. SECY-11-0074	6/07/2011	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending May 27, 2011
3. SECY-11-0068	5/23/2011	Lessons-Learned from the Pilot Plant Transition to a Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Fire Protection Licensing Basis
4. SECY-11-0077	6/10/2011	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending June 3, 2011
Memoranda		
1. M110606A	6/06/2011	Staff Requirements – Affirmation Session: I. SECY-11-0052 – EnergySolutions (Radioactive Waste Import/Export) EnergySolutions’ Applications for Low-Level Radioactive Waste Import and Export Licenses
2. M110606A (REVISED)	6/07/2011	Staff Requirements – Affirmation Session: I. SECY-11-0052 – EnergySolutions (Radioactive Waste Import/Export) EnergySolutions’ Applications for Low-Level Radioactive Waste Import and Export Licenses

3. M110428	6/08/2011	Staff Requirements – Briefing on the Status of NRC Response to Events in Japan and Briefing on Station Blackout
4. M110602	6/08/2011	Staff Requirements – Briefing on Human Capital and Equal Employment Opportunity

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Cass Sunstein, Office of Management and Budget, dated May 27, 2011, provides the NRC's Fiscal Year 2011 Regulatory Plan.
2. Letter to Senator Barbara Boxer, dated May 27, 2011, responds to her letter urging NRC to ensure transparency and openness in NRC's review and evaluation of recent events in Japan.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Digital Instrumentation and Control Systems, notice of meeting (06/22/2011).
2. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Advanced Boiling Water Reactor, notice of meeting (06/21/2011).
3. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Radiation Protection and Nuclear Materials, notice of meeting (06/23/2011).
4. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Fukushima, notice of meeting (06/23/2011).
5. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Materials, Metallurgy and Reactor Fuels, notice of meeting (06/23/2011).
6. Final Safety Culture Policy Statement.