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Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Echavarria, Alejandro	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OI
Patel, Jigar	REACTOR INSPECTOR	R-I
Rubin, Marla	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-II
Tehrani, Navid	HEALTH PHYSICIST (NSPDP)	R-III
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Douglas, Christopher	PROJECT ENGINEER	R-I
Montes, David	COMMUNICATIONS ASST. (SPEECHWRITER)	COMM
Oliver, Dawn	IT SPECIALIST (SYSANALYSIS)	OIS
Przygodzki, Roman	SR. REACTOR TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR	FSME

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Perry Nuclear Power Plant Emergency Amendment

On October 17, 2011, the staff issued an emergency amendment, under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.91(a)(5), to Perry Nuclear Power Plant to allow use of a delayed access circuit until December 12, 2011, as one of two required offsite circuits between the offsite transmission network and the onsite Class 1E alternating current electric power distribution system. The amendment temporarily credits the delayed access circuit as satisfying Technical Specifications 3.8.1(a) to permit resumption of normal plant operation.

Southern California Blackout Investigation Team Meeting

On October 18-19, 2011, the staff participated in a North American Electrical Reliability Corporation investigation team meeting related to the September 8, 2011, Southern California/Arizona/Mexico blackout event and San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) dual unit trip. Representative of the North American Electrical Reliability Corporation, Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Nuclear Regulatory Commission participated in the meeting held in the WECC offices in Salt Lake City, Utah. The primary objective of this meeting was to develop a precise, accurate sequence of events for the grid disturbance to create a starting point for root cause analysis and to provide the basis for developing computer models to simulate system conditions and evaluate steady state and grid stability conditions. The staff is evaluating the cause and consequences of loss of both SONGS units as a result of the grid perturbation.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Central Europe Nuclear Safety Workshop

On October 9-13, 2011, the Chief, Regulatory Guide Development Branch, Division of Engineering, RES traveled to Prague, Czech Republic to participate in the Central Europe Nuclear Safety Workshop organized by the U.S. Department of Energy. He presented an overview of NRC Research Activities as well as an overview of the agency response to the Fukushima event. (ML112860652). The purpose of the workshop was to promote international collaboration on research activities within the countries of central Europe. Attendees included the U.S. Department of Energy, Argonne National Laboratory, the Electric Power Research Institute, and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), as well as representatives of the Czech Republic and most Central European countries.

32nd Nuclear Safety Standards Committee (NUSSC) Meeting

On October 18-20, 2011, the Director, Division of Engineering, RES traveled to Vienna, Austria to participate as the U.S. delegate to the 32nd NUSSC meeting. He presented an overview of the NRC response to the Fukushima event, including the initial response, the work of the Near Term Task Force, and planned activities going forward (ML112860652). The committee reviewed several IAEA safety standards at the draft stage, as well as document preparation profiles of potential future standards and documents currently under development. The committee discussed the implication of recent events in Japan on NUSSC and other IAEA safety standards and addressed general committee business.

RES Publication of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.159, Rev. 2, "Assuring the Availability of Funds for Decommissioning Nuclear Reactors"

On October 20, 2011, the staff published RG 1.159, Rev. 2. This guide provides guidance to applicants and licensees of nuclear power, research, and test reactors concerning methods acceptable to the staff for complying with the rules regarding the amount of funds available for decommissioning. It also provides guidance on the content and form of the financial assurance mechanisms needed for compliance with the NRC decommissioning regulations. RG 1.159 is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/rg/>.

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

Global Nuclear Fuels in Wilmington, North Carolina. security-related violations and penalties assessed by NRC.

Priorities of the Japan Task Force recommendations.

Commission briefing discusses on the restart readiness at North Anna nuclear plant near Louisa, Virginia.

Indications of cracking in the shield building at the Davis-Bessie Nuclear plant near Toledo, Ohio.

U.S. Representative Edward Markey, D-Massachusetts, letter to NRC and press release raising concerns about Entergy's statements on strontium-90 identified by Vermont in a fish sample collected in the Connecticut River months ago.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA and the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation staff made a presentation to a roundtable discussion of about 40 reporters at the Environmental Journalist' Annual Convention in Miami, Florida.

OPA and other staff presented risk communication strategies at a meeting of the National Academy of Science on update of the cancer risk study.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
11-202	NRC Takes Action on Japan Near-Term Task Force Safety Recommendations (10/20/2011)
11-201	NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to Meet November 3-5, 2011, in Rockville, Maryland (11/28/2011)
11-200	Opening Remarks of NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko at the Meeting to Discuss Safety Challenges of the Brown's Ferry Nuclear Power Plant (10/18/2011)
11-199	NRC to Conduct Public Meeting on Alternative Dispute Resolution Program in Rockville, Maryland November 8, 2011 (10/17/2011)
Regions:	
IV-11-046	NRC to Meet with Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant Officials (10/21/2011)
IV-11-045	NRC to Hold Meeting with Nebraska Public Power District on Cooper Nuclear Station (10/21/2011)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. Staff Requirement Memorandum (SRM) on SECY-11-0117	10/19/2011	Proposed Charter for the Longer-Term Review of Lessons Learned from the March 11, 2011, Japanese Earthquake and Tsunami
2. Commission Voting Record on 11-0117	10/19/2011	(same)
3. SECY-11-0140	10/7/2011	Enhancements to the Fuel Cycle Oversight Process
4. SRM on SECY-11-0124	10/18/2011	Recommended Actions to be Taken Without Delay From the Near-Term Task Force Report
5. Commission Voting Record on 11-0124	10/20/2011	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-11-0135	10/17/2011	Staff Plans to Develop the Regulatory Basis Clarifying the Requirements in Title 10 of the Code Federal Regulations Part 21, "Reporting of Defects and Noncompliance"
2. SECY-11-0138	10/19/2011	Status of the Accident Sequence Precursor Program and the Standardized Plant Analysis Risk Models
Memoranda		
1. M111006	10/18/2011	Staff Requirements - Briefing on International Activities
2. M111011	10/20/2011	Staff Requirements – Briefing on the Japan Near Term Task Force Report – Prioritization of Recommendations (SECY-11-0137)

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Facility Operating License Amendment from Virginia Electric and Power Company, Surry Power Station, Units 1 and 2 [Docket Nos.: 50-280/281; NRC-2011-0242].

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