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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: MAGNASTOR[®] System, Revision 2; Proposed Rule and Direct Final Rule, 10 CFR Part 72 (RIN 3150-A191; NRC-2011-0008)

On November 14, 2011, the NRC published a proposed rule (76 FR 70374) and a direct final rule (76 FR 70331) in the *Federal Register* to amend its spent fuel storage cask regulations by revising the NAC International, Inc. MAGNASTOR[®] System listing within the "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks." Amendment No. 2 will revise: (1) Technical Specification (TS) 3.3.2 to reduce the transportable storage canister removable surface contamination limits; (2) TS 4.1.1 to add various boron-10 areal densities for use with Pressurized Water Reactor and Boiling Water Reactor baskets and to replace the fuel tube orthogonal pitch with the minimum fuel tube outer diagonal dimension; (3) Table 2.1-2, "ASME Code Alternatives for MAGNASTOR[®] components," of the Final Safety Analysis Report to correct the code reference; and (4) Appendices A and B of the TSs to make editorial corrections. Comments on the proposed rule are due by December 14, 2011. The final rule is effective January 30, 2012.

Retrospective Review Under Executive Order 13579: Initial Plan for Retrospective Analysis of Existing Rules, 2 CFR Chapter XX, 5 CFR Chapter XLVIII, and 10 CFR Chapter I (NRC-2011-0246)

On November 16, 2011, the NRC published a *Federal Register* notice (76 FR 70913) making available its initial plan for retrospective analysis to determine whether any existing regulations should be modified, streamlined, expanded, or repealed. This action is part of the NRC's voluntary implementation of Executive Order 13579, "Regulation and Independent Regulatory Agencies," issued by the President on July 11, 2011. The purpose of the NRC's review is to make its regulatory program more effective in achieving its regulatory objectives. The NRC will not institute a public comment period until calendar year 2012 to reflect, as appropriate, any Commission decisions related to the Fukushima Task Force Report.

Movable and Demountable Walls

On November 17, 2011, as a result of a non-competitive Federal supply schedule solicitation, a fixed price blanket purchase agreement (NRC-HQ-12-A-10-0002) was awarded to Transwall Office Systems of West Chester, Pennsylvania, for movable and demountable walls. The period of performance is from December 1, 2011, to November 30, 2012, with four one-year option periods. The total estimated value is \$300,000, inclusive of all options.

Systems and Ancillary Furniture, Including Related Services

On November 17, 2011, as a result of a competitive Federal supply schedule solicitation, a fixed price blanket purchase agreement (NRC-HQ-12-A-10-0001) was awarded to Allsteel Inc. of Muscatine, Iowa, for systems and ancillary furniture, along with program management, design, delivery, and installation services for Three White Flint North and the subsequent renovation of One White Flint North. The period of performance is from November 17, 2011, to November 16, 2012, with four one-year option periods. The total estimated value is \$16,851,969, inclusive of all options.

Office of Human Resources (HR)
Items of Interest
Week Ending November 18, 2011

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| Arrivals | | |
| Matos-Marin, Alfredo | Construction Inspector (NSPDP) | R-II |
| Retirements | | |
| None | | |
| Departures | | |
| None | | |

Office of Information Services (OIS)
 Items of Interest
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Operation Warfighter (OWF) Internship Event

On November 16, 2011, staff from the Program Management, Policy Development, and Analysis Staff attended an OWF internship event at Bethesda Naval Medical Center. The Department of Defense sponsors temporary assignments and internships for members of the military who have been injured in service or have fallen ill. This program gives them the opportunity to benefit from work while they are undergoing treatment or therapy at military hospitals. The OWF program is one way to provide recuperating service members with work so they have a meaningful activity outside the hospital, and provides a formal means of transition back to the military or civilian workforce. OIS has participated in six of these internship events during the past year and has interviewed many service members. Given the recent consolidation of the Walter Reed medical facility and Bethesda Naval Medical Center into the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and its close proximity to NRC headquarters, OIS hopes to sponsor some of the wounded warriors for internships in the very near future.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of November 11, 2011, through November 18, 2011:

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| NRO/DSRA-2009-0008 requesting copies of all emails between NRC management and rating panel, copy of form 178 and the certification record | FOIA/PA-2012-0053 |
| NRO/DSRA-2009-0008 request copies of all emails between NRC management, the Office of Human Resources (HR) management, and the rating panel | FOIA/PA-2012-0054 |
| NRO/DSRA-2009-0008 request copies of all emails between NRC management, HR management, and the Office of Small Business and Civil Rights management | FOIA/PA-2012-0055 |
| Purchase card holders contact information | FOIA/PA-2012-0056 |
| NRC correspondence with Texas Governor Rick Perry or the Texas Office of the Governor | FOIA/PA-2012-0057 |
| List of purchase card holders | FOIA/PA-2012-0058 |
| Records dealing directly with Severe Accident Management Guidelines and Emergency Procedure Guidelines for Boiling Water Reactors including documents obtained by NRC Technical Training Center during Boiling Water Reactors Owners Group Conference in July 2009, in Charlotte, North Carolina | FOIA/PA-2012-0059 |
| NRO/DSRA-2010-004 copies of all correspondence between Joseph Donoghue and named NRC personnel | FOIA/PA-2012-0060 |
| NRC security file on named individual including any correspondence relating to the offer of a summer internship with the NRC in April 2010 | FOIA/PA-2012-0061 |
| Radiation exposure from 1973-2011 Union Carbide/Dow and Isometric/Steris on named individual | FOIA/PA-2012-0062 |
| NRC-11-04 copy of vacancy announcement and selection file including panel ratings in which Joseph Donoghue was the selecting official and Christopher Van Wert was the selectee and promoted | FOIA/PA-2012-0063 |

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Meeting with Robatel Technologies, LLC

On November 14, 2011, Robatel Technologies, LLC, met with the Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation to present the new design features of the Model No. RT-100 package as a Type B(U)-96 waste (filters, resins) package. Structural, thermal, and shielding topics were discussed as well as benchmarking issues. Robatel is currently planning to submit its quality assurance program for approval under Part 71 in the first days of January 2012. A minimum of three pre-application meetings will be scheduled between December 2011, and March 31, 2012, before the Model No. TR-100 package application is submitted for review. This is the first time that Robatel is requesting an NRC certification.

Pre-Application Meeting with Transnuclear, Inc. (TN)

On November 17, 2011, staff of the Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation, held a public meeting with TN. The purpose of the pre-application meeting was to discuss plans for a revision to Certificate of Compliance No. 9302 for the Model No. NUHOMS[®] - MP197HB transportation package. Specifically, the application will be to expand currently authorized package configurations to include high burnup fuel and request burnup credit. Detailed technical discussions were held regarding an NRC letter of unresolved issues dated November 2, 2011. TN agreed to reevaluate what they plan to submit and the timeframe at a later date.

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Fire Protection Meeting on NFPA 805 Frequently Asked Questions

On November 17, 2011, the staff held, via teleconference, a Category 2 public meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), NFPA Standard 805 Task Force, other stakeholders, and the public to discuss the Frequently Asked Questions related to licensees' adoption of NFPA 805. The staff began holding these monthly public meetings in July 2006.

Public Meeting with NEI about NFPA 805 License Amendment Request Reviews

On November 18, 2011, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with NEI representatives to discuss NFPA 805 LAR reviews.

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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| Document Released to Public | Date | Subject |
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| Decision Documents | | |
| 1. SECY-11-0155 | 11/1/2011 | Proposed Changes to the Enforcement Policy Associated with Construction Activities |
| Information Papers | | |
| 1. SECY-11-0151 | 10/27/2011 | Annual Update of the Risk-Informed and Performance-Based Plan |
| 2. SECY-11-0152 | 10/28/2011 | Development of an Emergency Planning and Preparedness Framework for Small Modular Reactors |
| 3. SECY-11-0160 | 11/14/2011 | Weekly Information Report – Week Ending November 4, 2011 |
| 4. SECY-11-0156 | 11/2/2011 | Feasibility of Including Risk Information in Categorizing Structures, Systems, and Components as Safety-Related or Nonsafety-Related |
| 5. SECY-11-0162 | 11/16/2011 | Weekly Information Report – Week Ending November 11, 2011 |

Commission Correspondence:

1. Letter to Representative Edward J. Markey, dated November 9, 2011, responds to letter regarding potential strontium-90 contamination from the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant.
2. Letter to Congress and the Government Accountability Office (GAO), dated November 9, 2011, responds and provides a written statement of action on the recommendations in GAO-11-751, "Personal Identification Verification: Agencies Should Set a Higher Priority on Using the Capabilities of Standardized Identification Cards."
3. Letter to Representative Edward J. Markey, dated November 9, 2011, responds to letter regarding the safe operation of the Davis-Besse nuclear power plant.
4. Letter to Congress, dated November 9, 2011, provides NRC's semiannual report on the status of licensing and other regulatory activities (April 2011, through September 2011).
5. Letter to Representative Edward J. Markey, dated November 8, 2011, responds to letter regarding seismic safety at the North Anna power station.

6. Letter to Cass Sunstein, Office of Management and Budget, dated November 7, 2011, responds to memorandum regarding E.O. 13579, Regulation and Independent Regulatory Agencies.

Federal Register Notices Issued:

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the Subcommittee on Power Upgrades, notice of meeting (12/14/2011).
2. ACRS, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment, notice of meeting (12/14/2011).
3. ACRS, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant Operations and Fire Protection, notice of meeting (12/15/2011).

Office of Small Business and Civil Rights (SBCR)
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2011 Chemical and Biological Defense Science and Technology (CBD S&T) Conference

On November 14-18, 2011, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency will host the 2011 CBD S&T Conference, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Some of the Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) funded by the NRC have been selected to present at this conference which is specifically designed to allow participants the opportunity to examine the best and new dynamic developments in basic and applied research within the chemical and biological defense landscape. It also gives them the opportunity to interact and collaborate with other researchers concerning the medical and physical sciences related to chemical and biological defense and to conduct program analysis that other Federal agencies may deem critical to their respective missions.

Tuwanda M. Smith, Esq., Program Manager and Carol Walls, Civil Rights Specialist, of SBCR will be collaborating with key Federal agencies for the purpose of leveraging partnerships to enhance opportunities for MSIs in 2012.