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Miscellaneous Administrative Changes; Final Rule, 10 CFR Parts 1, 9, 19, 20, 30, 35, 40, 52, 55, 60, 61, 70, 73, 110, 170, and 171 (RIN 3150-AJ01; NRC-2011-0169)

On November 22, 2011, the NRC published a final rule in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 72082) amending its regulations to make miscellaneous administrative changes, including updating the street address for its Region IV office and correcting an authority citation and typographical and spelling errors, and other edits and conforming changes. This document is necessary to inform the public of these changes to the NRC's regulations. This rule is effective December 22, 2011.

Enhancements to Emergency Preparedness (EP) Regulations; Final Rule, 10 CFR Parts 50 and 52 (RIN 3150-A110; NRC-2008-0122)

On November 23, 2011, the NRC published a final rule in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 72560) amending certain EP requirements in its regulations that govern domestic licensing of production and utilization facilities. The final rule adds a conforming provision in the regulations that govern licenses, certifications, and approvals for new nuclear power plants. The final rule codifies certain voluntary protective measures contained in NRC Bulletin 2005-02, "Emergency Preparedness and Response Actions for Security-Based Events," and generically applicable requirements similar to those previously imposed by Commission orders. The amended licensee emergency plan requirements enhance the ability of licensees in preparing to take and taking certain EP and protective measures in the event of a radiological emergency; address, in part, security issues identified after the terrorist events of September 11, 2001; clarify regulations to effect consistent emergency plan implementation among licensees; and modify certain EP requirements to be more effective and efficient. This final rule is effective on December 23, 2011.

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Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Meeting on Paperwork Reduction Act

On November 22, 2011, the Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Management; the Director, Office of New Reactors; and the NRC Paperwork Reduction Act Clearance Officer met with the Deputy Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), OMB. Also present were the Chief, Natural Resources and Environment Branch, OIRA, and OMB's NRC Desk Officer. The meeting, at OMB's request, regarded prioritization of the new reactors rulemakings and NRC's concerns about OMB's ability to complete these actions on NRC's schedule. An alternative approach was discussed for meeting NRC's deadlines for multiple submissions of information collection approvals for the design certification rulemakings. OMB was very responsive to NRC's needs and agreed to review NRC's proposed deadlines on a case-by-case basis. NRC will provide a detailed list of upcoming actions to assist OMB in prioritizing its workload to meet NRC's proposed deadlines.

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

Copy of Study of Maximum Water Level at Peach Bottom Power Plant Site by Tippetts-Abbett-McCarthy-Stratton provided to staff on September 26, 1968	FOIA/PA-2012-0064
Copy of all photographic files obtained or produced by the NRC or the Inspector General's office in the named events	FOIA/PA-2012-0065
Copy of Independent Assessment Report Commissioned by GE-Hitachi and provided to NRC in 2010	FOIA/PA-2012-0066
Enforcement conference with Halliburton County in region IV on May 27, 1987, to discuss findings from inspection 30-05900/86-02; 30-20094/86-01 conducted Dec 8-12, 1986, subsequent finding re; byproduct material license 35-00502-05	FOIA/PA-2012-0067
Bid information for NRC-HQ-11-Q-10-112, Systems Furniture to Outfit 3WFN and OWFN	FOIA/PA-2012-0068
Any and all communications related to the Japan Fukushima Nuclear Accident, including conversations in the NRC Operations Center March 11, 2011 - April 10, 2011	FOIA/PA-2012-0069

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Meeting with Electric Power Research Institute and Performance Demonstration Initiative (PDI)

On November 15-17, 2011, staff, along with personnel from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, met with the members from the Electric Power Research Institute and PDI to discuss the ability to size flaws during qualification examinations for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code), Section XI, Appendix VIII, qualification requirements. Specific discussions focused on the accuracy of sizing flaws from the inner diameter for large bore weld examinations and the inability to achieve the accuracy requirements in the ASME Code. The data collected during qualification testing was reviewed to determine if there were any correlations to surface condition, material, etc. that result in the inability to meet the standards.

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OPA Received Significant Media Inquiries on the Following:

The status of the NRC's review of the cracks in the shield of the Davis Besse nuclear power plant (Ohio) reactor building; Congressman Kucinich's letter to NRC requesting a public hearing regarding the cracks.

An NRC "White" inspection finding for the Pilgrim nuclear power plant (Massachusetts) due to a control room operator error that led to a reactor scram last May.

The NRC emergency preparedness final rule published in the Federal Register November 23, 2011.

A Representative Markey press release on a recent Commission vote to retain the status quo on the Public Radiation ROP cornerstone.

An alert declared at the Davis-Besse nuclear power plant (Ohio) due to a brief breaker fire.

A lawsuit filed by the State of Vermont and National Electric Code requesting the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to force the NRC to reconsider its decision to issue a renewed license for Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA posted a For the Record: Response to a Commentary Published in The North County (California) Times Newspaper (11/23/2011)

OPA posted the blogs:

- Chairman's Thanksgiving Wishes (11/23/2011)
- Enhancing Emergency Preparedness Requirements (11/22/2011)
- Free Doughnuts – NOT (11/18/2011)
- Reactor Safety Study: The Birth, Death, and Rebirth of Probabilistic Risk Assessment (11/15/2011)

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
11-215	NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to Meet December 1-3, 2011 in Rockville, Maryland. (11/16/2011)
11-214	NRC a Top Performer in Government Survey (11/16/2011)
11-213	NRC Meets Performance Goals; Issues FY 2011 Performance and Accountability Report (11/16/2011)
Regions:	
I-11-042	NRC Cites Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant for Inspection Finding of Low to Moderate Safety Significance (11/21/2011)
I-11-041	NRC Names New Resident Inspector at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Plant (11/14/2011)
II-11-067	NRC Begins Special Inspection at Brunswick Nuclear Power Plant (11/18/2011)

II-11-066	NRC Proposes \$17,500 Civil Penalty for Global Nuclear Fuel – Americas LLC in Wilmington (11/15/2011)
III-11-035	NRC Responds to Alert at Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (11/16/2011)
IV-11-049	NRC Issues Waterford Nuclear Plant Inspection Finding of Low to Moderate Safety Significance (11/21/2011)

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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-11-0165	11/25/2011	Weekly Information Report-Week Ending November 18, 2011

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to The President, dated November 15, 2011, provides NRC's Fiscal Year 2011 Performance and Accountability Report.

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).