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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
Week Ending December 23, 2011

NRC Region IV Office Administrative Support and Clerical Services

On December 15, 2011, as a result of a non-competitive 8(a) solicitation, a firm fixed price type contract (NRC-HQ-12-C-31-0023) was awarded to The Spearhead Group, Inc. of Houston, Texas. The contractor will provide the NRC's Region IV office in Arlington, Texas, with administrative support and clerical services. The period of performance is from January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, with three 1-year option periods. The total estimated value of the contract is \$560,572, inclusive of all options.

Options for Developing the Regulatory Basis for Streamlining Non-Power Reactor License Renewal and Non-Power Reactor Emergency Preparedness; Notice of Public Meeting; 10 CFR Part 50 (RIN 3150-AI96; NRC-2011-0087)

On December 16, 2011, the NRC posted in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 78173) a notice for a public meeting that was held on December 19, 2011, to discuss with affected stakeholders the proposed options for developing the regulatory basis for streamlining non-power reactor license renewal and non-power reactor emergency preparedness. This meeting was a follow-up to the NRC's public meeting held September 13, 2011, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to discuss establishing the technical basis for proposing rulemaking to streamline the non-power reactor license renewal process, options for reorganizing the structure of regulations that pertain to non-power reactors, and potential enhancements to emergency preparedness requirements.

Regulatory Changes to Implement the United States/Australian Agreement for Peaceful Nuclear Cooperation; Corrections; Final Rule; Correcting Amendments; 10 CFR Part 40 (RIN 3150-AI95; NRC-2011-0072)

On December 20, 2011, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 78805) correcting amendments to a final rule published on November 8, 2011, (76 FR 69120) that amended the NRC's regulations to implement the 2010 "Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy." The present NRC action is necessary to relocate a new section added by the final rule and to make a related conforming change to the final rule. This correction was effective December 20, 2011.

Office of Human Resources (HR)
Items of Interest
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Arrivals		
None		
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Morrell, Regina	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-II

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Meeting on Accepting Externally-Issued Identity Credentials

On December 20, 2011, the Computer Security Office and OIS staff attended a meeting at the White House Conference Center hosted by the General Services Administration and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The meeting was in response to a memorandum from the Federal Chief Information Officer, dated October 6, 2011, regarding "Requirements for Accepting Externally-Issued Identity Credentials." Strategies were discussed for complying with the OMB requirement that all new and newly modified Federal web sites requiring Level 1 authentication accept credentials from outside sources that comply with government requirements.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of December 16, 2011, through December 22, 2011:

Independent review of the safety significance of the October 21, 2003, passive reactor shutdown at Callaway Plant	FOIA/PA-2012-0090
Specific data on current federal civilians for Region II only	FOIA/PA-2012-0091
All records of meetings, oral communications or written communications after March 11, 2011, between any of the current commissioners regarding NRC's actions in response to Fukushima Daiichi accident; personal conduct of any commissioner; proposed changes to the composition of NRC; proposed changes to the chairmanship of NRC	FOIA/PA-2012-0092
Records regarding a named individual who may have worked at the Nevada test site	FOIA/PA-2012-0093
Correspondence to or from former Representative Christopher Shays from September 1, 1987, to January 3, 2009	FOIA/PA-2012-0094
Correspondence to, from, or on behalf of Senate candidate Mark Neumann and records regarding specified companies	FOIA/PA-2012-0095
List of Government Purchase Card Holders in electronic form	FOIA/PA-2012-0096

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Acceptance of License Renewal Application (LRA) for Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS)

On December 16, 2011, staff completed the acceptance review of the license renewal application for GGNS Unit 1. The staff determined that the application contains sufficient information for docketing. On November 1, 2011, the staff received the LRA from Entergy Operations, Inc., requesting the extension of the operating license for an additional 20 years beyond the current 40-year term. GGNS is a boiling-water reactor designed by General Electric with a current operating license that expires November 1, 2024. The staff plans to hold public information sessions on January 31, 2012, in Port Gibson, Mississippi, to describe the license renewal process and accept scoping comments for the environmental review. Acceptance of the LRA, which is published in the *Federal Register*, begins a 60-day opportunity for members of the public to file a request for hearing and/or petition to intervene.

Oconee 1, 2, and 3 Measurement Uncertainty Recapture (MUR) Power Uprate Acceptance

By application dated September 20, 2011, the licensee requested a 1.6 percent MUR power uprate for Oconee Units 1, 2, and 3, using Cameron CheckPlus Leading Edge Flow Meter ultrasonic flow measurement instrumentation. On November 7, 2011, the NRC identified the need for supplemental information and by letter dated November 21, 2011, the licensee provided the supplemental information. By letter dated December 8, 2011, NRC informed the licensee that the application provides technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review.

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

AP1000 affirmation, approval of final certification rule which is immediately effective upon publication; press release issued; Commission must issue findings on Vogtle plant (Georgia) and Summer (South Carolina) mandatory hearings before any final agency action on those Combined Operating License applications

Vote at the Commission affirmation session regarding Indian Point (New York), involves challenge on the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) ruling on plant's license renewal application; New York State Attorney General's Office issued a press release regarding the vote

NRC's inspection report on Vermont Yankee's (Vermont) adherence to license renewal commitments; low levels of tritium found in a sample taken from the Connecticut River by Entergy

Path forward for the ASLB review of a hearing request on Limerick's (Pennsylvania) license renewal application

Status of Nine Mile Point 2 (New York) after shutdown due to leaking reactor coolant system valve; NRC approval of a 15 percent power uprate for Nine Mile Point 2

NRC grants Exelon an exemption from requirement to hold graded emergency exercise every two years at Oyster Creek (New Jersey) due to hurricane Irene; the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection press release about its renewal of the water-discharge permit for the plant

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following event:

Public meeting in Region II assessing status of Summer (South Carolina) construction

OPA issued three blog posts:

- The AP1000 is certified – Where do we go from here?
- An easier-to-use ADAMS: You asked, we acted
- The NRC and radioactive consumer products

OPA posted on YouTube: Fire Protection Commission Briefing 12/13/2011

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
11-227	NRC Approves Increased Power Output for Nine Mile Point Nuclear Power Plant (12/23/2011)
11-226	NRC Approves Rule to Certify Amended AP1000 Reactor Design (12/22/2011)

11-225	NRC Announces Opportunity for Hearing on Application to Renew Operating License for Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant (12/19/2011)
11-224	NRC Introduces Additional Enhancements to its Online Document Database (12/19/2011)
Regions:	
I-11-044	NRC Proposes \$7,000 Fine, Issues Order to Puerto Rico Firm for Failing to Meet Decommissioning Financial Assurance Requirements (12/19/2011)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-11-0142	12/13/2011	Final Rule: Advance Notification to Native American Tribes of Transport of Certain Types of Nuclear Waste (RIN 3150-AG41)
2. REDACTED VERSION – SECY-11-0163	11/18/2011	Reprocessing Rulemaking: Draft Regulatory Basis and Path Forward
3. Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0145	12/22/2011	Final Rule: AP1000 Design Certification Amendment
4. SECY-11-0170	12/08/2011	Final Rule: Physical Protection of Byproduct Material (RIN 3150-AI12)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-11-0169	12/07/2011	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Implementation Plan for the Radiation Source Protection and Security Task Force Report
2. SECY-11-0177	12/21/2011	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending December 16, 2011
Memoranda		
1. M111222	12/22/2011	Staff Requirements – Affirmation Session: I. SECY-11-0144 – Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3), Applicant's Petition for Review of LBP-11-17 Granting Summary Disposition of Consolidated Contention NYS-35/36 (July 29, 2011); II. SECY-11-0145 - Final Rule: AP1000 Design Certification Amendment; III. SECY-11-0158 – U.S. Department of Energy (High-Level Waste Repository), Docket No. 63-001-HLW, Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Council Petition for Review of September 28, 2011, Board Decision

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Jeannette Mott Oxford, Missouri House of Representatives, dated December 16, 2011, responds to followup to the October 2003 incident at the Callaway Nuclear Plant.
2. Letter to Representative Darrell Issa, dated December 12, 2011, provides response to letter regarding current environment at the NRC and management commitment to its values and culture one.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Radiation Protection and Nuclear Materials, notice of meeting (01/18/2012).
2. Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Considerations and Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information – License amendment request; opportunity to comment and request a hearing, order.
3. AP1000 Design Certification Amendment. Final rule.