

INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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General Site Suitability Criteria for Nuclear Power Stations; Draft Regulatory Guide; Request for Comment; 10 CFR Parts 50, 51, and 52 (NRC-2011-0297)

On December 30, 2011, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 82201) Draft Regulatory Guide DG-4021, "General Site Suitability Criteria for Nuclear Power Stations," for public comment. This guide describes a method that the NRC staff considers acceptable to implement the site suitability requirements for nuclear power stations. Comments are requested by February 25, 2012.

Measurement and Control of Combustible Gas Generation and Dispersal; Petition for Rulemaking (PRM); Notice of Receipt; 10 CFR Parts 50, 52, and 100 (PRM-50-103; NRC-2011-0189)

On January 5, 2012, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 441) a notice of receipt of a petition for PRM, dated October 14, 2011, from the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations regarding the measurement and control of combustible gas generation and dispersal within a power reactor system. The NRC is not instituting a public comment period for this PRM at this time.

Office of Human Resources (HR)
 Items of Interest
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Arrivals		
None		
Retirements		
Alexander, Christine	HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ANALYST	HR
Carrier, William	IT SPECIALIST	OIS
Lobel, Richard	SENIOR REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	NRR
Ramirez, Anne	PROGRAM ANALYST	CFO
Rathje, Mary	INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ANALYST	OIS
Szabo, John	SR LVL COUNSEL FOR ETHICS & ADM LAW	OGC
Wood, Wanda	MANAGEMENT ANALYST	OIS
Departures		
Fuller, Jeffrey	STUDENT ENGINEER	R-I
Peralta, Juan	BRANCH CHIEF	NRO
Smith, Clint	STUDENT ENGINEER (CO-OP)	R-II

Office of Information Services (OIS)
Items of Interest
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of December 30, 2011, through January 5, 2012:

All NRC complaints filed against NRC Chairman Gregory Jaczko since he took office, May 2009-December 29, 2011	FOIA/PA-2012-0099
Investigation files and transcripts for OI-4-2010-045 and OI-4-2010-046	FOIA/PA-2012-0100
All records pertaining to the 1994 decision to no longer require termination reports, and 2007 remove power plant operators requirement to obtain lifetime ionizing radiation exposure history	FOIA/PA-2012-0101
Aggregate data on lifetime occupational ionizing radiation exposure for workers at the power plants that were sent to the NRC before 1994	FOIA/PA-2012-0102
Closeout letter to licensee regarding case 4-2009-046 in response to RIV-2009-A-0066	FOIA/PA-2012-0103
All records referencing Enriched Boric Acid or "EBA"	FOIA/PA-2012-0104
Requirements for vendors to supply the nuclear power sector	FOIA/PA-2012-0105
Potential flooding of nuclear plants following upstream dam failures	FOIA/PA-2012-0106
Investigation files and transcripts for OI-4-2010-050	FOIA/PA-2012-0107

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Receipt and Availability of License Renewal Application for Callaway Plant Unit 1

On December 19, 2011, the staff received an application from Union Electric Company requesting the renewal of the operating license for Callaway Plant, Unit 1 (Callaway), for an additional 20 years beyond the current 40-year term. The current operating license expires at midnight on October 18, 2024. The application is available at the Web site <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/callaway.html> and in ADAMS under Accession No. ML113530374. The staff tentatively plans to hold a public information session near the plant in early 2012 to provide an overview of the license renewal process and to solicit public comments on the scope of the staff's environmental review.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Management Directive (MD) 6.5 “NRC Participation in the Development and Use of Consensus Standards Issued”

The Regulatory Guide Development Branch revised and issued MD 6.5, “NRC Participation in the Development and Use of Consensus Standards,” on December 20, 2011. MD 6.5 provides direction for implementing the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-113) and the Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-119, “Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities.” MD 6.5 provides organizational responsibilities and guidance for staff participation in the development of consensus standards, including identifying and prioritizing needed new and revised technical standards, selecting, and nominating staff as authorized agency representatives on standards developing organization (SDO) committees, and coordinating standards activities with SDOs and other stakeholders. The MD also provides guidance for use of consensus standards in the NRC regulatory framework.

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

- The changes on the Chairman's staff
- The North Anna Unit 1 (Virginia) reduction to 4% power to replace leaking instrument air line for main steam trip valve actuator
- The status of the Brunswick (North Carolina) Special Inspection Team report; confirmation that a contractor performed maintenance work leading to a reactor head not being properly secured before the reactor was restarted
- The NRC review of a boiling water reactor post-Fukushima petition submitted by the Beyond Nuclear organization
- The final "white" finding issued associated with the failure of a turbine driven auxiliary feedwater pump at Palisades (Michigan); the preliminary "white" and "yellow" findings to be discussed at regulatory conferences on January 11, 2012, the plant shutdown to repair a control rod drive seal
- The concerns about oversight of Susquehanna plant (Pennsylvania), the issuance of a Notice of Violation to a former Senior Reactor Operator

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following media interviews and events:

- Davis-Besse (Ohio) public meeting regarding the safety assessment of shield building cracks; citizens groups planning a protest at the plant before the meeting
- Extensive background and taped interview with Michigan Radio about issues at Palisades plant (Michigan)
- Interview with Chief Information Officer, Darren Ash and Information Week Government for feature on mobile device use in the government
- Taped interview about the alert at Prairie Island (Minnesota) due to a chemical spill

OPA issued two blogs:

- Simulation on a Generic Digital Platform Now Possible at the NRC's Training Center
- NRC Staff Train Students in Africa

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
12-003	Revised: NRC Approves Rule to Certify Amended AP1000 Reactor Design (01/05/2012)
12-002	Licensing Board to Hold Hearing, Accept Public Comment January 25-27, 2012, on Calvert Cliffs New Reactor Application (01/05/2012)
12-001	NRC Seeks Public Comment on Assumptions for Environmental Study of Extended Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel (01/03/2012)
Regions:	
III-12-002	NRC to Hold Two Regulatory Conferences on January 11, 2012, to Discuss Preliminary White and Preliminary Yellow Findings at Palisades Nuclear Plant (01/05/2012)
III-12-001	NRC Responding to Alert at Prairie Island Nuclear Power Plant (01/05/2012)
IV-12-001	NRC Staff to Meet With Omaha Public Power District Officials to Discuss Fort Calhoun Nuclear Plant (01/05/2012)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-11-0175	12/15/2011	Proposed Rule: Amendments to Material Control and Accounting Regulations (RIN 3150-AI61)
2. SRM on SECY-11-0140	01/05/2012	Enhancements to the Fuel Cycle Oversight Process
Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0140	01/05/2012	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-12-0001	1/05/2012	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending December 23, 2011
2. SECY-12-0002	1/05/2012	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending December 30, 2011
Memoranda		
1. M111213	1/06/2012	Staff Requirements – Briefing on National Fire Protection Standard 805 Fire Protection

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, Notice of Evidentiary Hearing and Opportunity to Provide Oral or Written Limited Appearance Statements; In the Matter of Calvert Cliffs 3 Nuclear Project, LLC, and Unistar Nuclear Operating Services, LLC (Combined License Application for Calvert Cliffs Unit 3).
2. Facility Operating License Amendment from Florida Power Corporation, Crystal River Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit 3.