

INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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Grant Award to the National Academy of Sciences

As a result of language in the Conference Report, H. Rep. 112-331, accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012, Pub. L. 112-74, a non-competitive grant was awarded to the National Academy of Sciences of Washington, DC. The purpose of the grant is to assess the lessons learned from the Fukushima nuclear accident for improving safety and security at U.S. nuclear plants. The period of performance is from February 2, 2012, to April 30, 2014. The value of the grant award is \$2,000,000.

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: MAGNASTOR® System, Revision 2;
Direct Final Rule; Confirmation of Effective Date; 10 CFR Part 72 (RIN 3150-AI91, NRC-2011-0008)

On January 27, 2012, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 4203) confirming the effective date of January 30, 2012, for the direct final rule that was published in the *Federal Register* on November 14, 2011 (76 FR 70331). This direct final rule amended the NRC's spent fuel storage regulations by revising the NAC International, Inc. MAGNASTOR® System listing within the "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks" to include Amendment No. 2 to Certificate of Compliance Number 1031.

Office of Human Resources (HR)
Items of Interest
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Arrivals		
None		
Retirements		
Grobe, John	DEP DIR FOR ENGR & CORPORATE SUPP	NRR
Departures		
Brown, Ahmed	MANAGEMENT ANALYST (CORRESPONDENCE)	IS
Mellen, Larry	SENIOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT INSPECTOR	R-II
Meyer, Walter	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of January 27, 2012 through February 2, 2012:

Any and all records pertaining to the cracking in the concrete shield building/secondary radiological containment structure on October 11, 2011.	FOIA/PA-2012-0121
Any and all logs of communication between members of congress and NRC, January 1, 2008-January 19, 2012.	FOIA/PA-2012-0122
Amount of Funding spent by NRC to close out the licensing review of Yucca Mountain during FY11.	FOIA/PA-2012-0123
Amount of Nuclear Waste Fund resources available to NRC on 9/30/2011.	FOIA/PA-2012-0124
All records pertaining to Cardiovascular Solutions Inc., Philadelphia PA.	FOIA/PA-2012-0125
Confidential Settlement Agreements between named individuals and Ameren Corporation. OI report4-2009-043F. Documents released under mentioned FOIA cases. Documents related to OI Cases and Allegations.	FOIA/PA-2012-0126
Release of six mentioned documents in 5/20/2009 letter from Duke Energy to NRC (ML091470265).	FOIA/PA-2012-0127
All correspondence between Duke Energy and NRC regarding Jocassee Dam 8/15/2008-1/27/2012.	FOIA/PA-2012-0128
Any correspondence to NRC from/on behalf of U.S. Representative Rick Berg (ND) January 1, 2011-January 30, 2012.	FOIA/PA-2012-0129
Any findings, results, or conclusions of NRC or DOL regarding named individual claims of retaliation by SCE, including witness statements.	FOIA/PA-2012-0130
Status report on NRC activities to implement the Fundamental Classification Guidance Review through December 31, 2011.	FOIA/PA-2012-0131
OPM security information for named individual, referral from OPM.	FOIA/PA-2012-0132
NRC Correspondence with Congressman Cornelius McGillicuddy IV from January 2005 to the Present, or as a former Florida State Representative (January 2001-October 2003).	FOIA/PA-2012-0133
All communications between NRC and Entergy Corporation regarding Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant, 12/1/2011-1/30/2012.	FOIA/PA-2012-0134

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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NRC Staff Meeting with Japanese Counterparts

On January 30, 2012, staff from NMSS met with staff from the Japan Nuclear Energy Safety Organization, the Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry, and the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry to discuss topics related to dry storage of spent nuclear fuel. The discussions covered details of the U.S. regulatory framework and technical areas for current and potential extended dry storage.

NRC Staff Meetings for Waste Confidence and Extended Storage

On January 31, 2012, staff from NMSS held a public webinar to discuss its draft report, "Background and Preliminary Assumptions for an Environmental Impact Statement—Long-Term Waste Confidence Update," which was issued for public comment in late December 2011. The webinar was co-hosted by the Council of State Governments, Midwest Division, and had over 140 participants. Staff also presented similar material on the draft report at the 27th Annual Spent Fuel Forum of the Institute of Nuclear Materials Management, in Arlington, VA, on February 1, 2012.

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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National Fire Protection Association 805 Site Audit at the Callaway Plant

On January 27, 2012, staff concluded a week-long National Fire Protection Association 805 site audit at the Callaway plant in Fulton, MO. The audit team received presentations, conducted interviews, held breakout sessions, reviewed site-specific documentation, and toured the licensee's facility. The staff plans to issue an audit summary report in the coming weeks.

Audit of Florida Power & Light Co.'s Extended Power Uprate (EPU)

On January 30 and 31, 2012, the staff visited the office of AREVA, in Lynchburg, VA, to conduct an audit related to Florida Power & Light's EPU application for their St. Lucie Unit 1 plant. The principal areas of concern were loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) and non-LOCA analyses, and thermal conductivity degradation issues. AREVA provided revised analyses for several non-LOCA events, and additional information related to the realistic LOCA analyses, all of which were in response to prior requests for additional information that were issued by the staff. All of the staff's concerns were adequately addressed in the audit.

Staff Holds Public Meetings Related to the License Renewal Process for Grand Gulf Nuclear Station

On January 31, 2012, staff conducted two identical public meetings in Port Gibson, MS, to discuss the license renewal review process and to solicit public comments concerning the scope of the environmental review for the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1, license renewal application. Approximately 30 people attended the meetings, including the applicant, local residents, government officials, citizen organizations, and news media. Public comments included concerns regarding emergency preparedness and aging management. Public scoping comments are due by February 27, 2012.

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

The steam generator leak at San Onofre nuclear plant (CA); the correction to the statement in Southern California Edison's press release regarding the release of radioactive gas into the environment; the incident where a worker fell into a refueling cavity; the seismic safety of the plant

The new seismic hazard model

The decision to reject Operator Manual Actions exemption requests from Indian Point nuclear plant (NY); the State/Entergy settlement agreement on a contention in the plant's license renewal proceeding

The reduction in power at the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant (VT)

The Unusual Event reported at the Byron nuclear power plant (IL)

Confirmation that the Commission's tentative scheduling of an affirmation session February 9 is in regards to the Vogtle Combined License

The draft report on the State-of-the-Art Reactor Consequence Analyses

The Public Interest Research Groups' report pertaining to Calvert Cliffs nuclear plant (MD) regarding accidents on drinking water supplies; the evidentiary hearing on the plant's new reactor application

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following media interviews and events:

- A taped interview with an Indiana TV station regarding declining performance and increased inspections at the Palisades nuclear plant (MI)

OPA issued three blog posts:

- 2011 New Reactor Annual Review Available
- NRC's Blog Celebrates Its First Birthday
- NRC Quickly Applies New Information to Technical Reviews

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
12-011	NRC Seeks Comment on Reactor Accident Consequence Research; Public Meetings February 21, 22 in Virginia, Pennsylvania (02/01/2012)
12-010	New Seismic Model Will Refine Hazard Analysis at U.S. Nuclear Plants (01/31/2012)
Regions:	
I-12-004	Licensing Board to Hear Oral Arguments February 21, 2012 in Norristown, PA., on Limerick Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal Application (02/02/2012)
I-12-003	NRC Completes Review of Fire Protection Exemption Requests at Indian Point; Requests Information from Entergy (02/01/2012)
III-12-005	NRC Begins Special Inspection at Byron Nuclear Plant (01/31/2012)
III-12-004	NRC Monitoring an Event at Byron Nuclear Plant (01/30/2012)

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0129	1/30/2012	Final Rule: Requirements for Distribution of Byproduct Material, 10 CFR Parts 30, 31, 32, 40, and 70 (RIN 3150-AH91)
2. Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0142	1/30/2012	Final Rule: Advance Notification to Native American Tribes of Transport of Certain Types of Nuclear Waste (RIN 3150-AG41)
3. SECY-12-0008	1/19/2012	Implementation Plan for the Safety Culture Policy Statement
4. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-11-0172	1/30/2012	Response to Staff Requirements Memorandum COMGEA-11-0001, "Utilization of Expert Judgment in Regulatory Decision Making"
5. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-11-0175	1/24/2012	Proposed Rule: Amendments to Material Control and Accounting Regulations (RIN 3150-AI61)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-12-0018	2/02/2012	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending January 27, 2012
Memoranda		
1. M120130	1/30/2012	Staff Requirements: I. SECY-11-0129 - Final Rule: Requirements for Distribution of Byproduct Material, 10 CFR Parts 30, 31, 32, 40, and 70 (RIN 3150-AH91); II. SECY-11-0142 - Final Rule: Advance Notification to Native American Tribes of Transport of Certain Types of Nuclear Waste (RIN 3150-AG41)

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Lawrence A. Melton, U.S. General Services Administration, dated January 24, 2012, responds to letter requesting acceptance of the renewed operations and maintenance Delegation of Authority and Interagency Agreement for the One White Flint building.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Considerations and Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information.
2. Facility Operating License Amendment from Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, LLC; Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 2.