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Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
None		
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Joseph, Stacy	PROJECT MANAGER	NRO

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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 February 24, 2012 through March 8, 2012:

System for Prediction of Environmental Emergency Dose Information (SPEEDI) radiation-projection data regarding Fukushima	FOIA/PA-2012-0160
Legal Interpretations of 10 CFR 50.54 and 50.54(M) Relative to "Initial Startup" "Non-Power Reactors" or "Research and Test Reactors" since January 2010	FOIA/PA-2012-0161
Aggregate data on lifetime occupational ionizing radiation exposure for workers at nuclear power plants	FOIA/PA-2012-0162
SGS US Testing Company, Inc., NJ, License # 29-02477-01, what operations were conducted, materials stored, and information regarding closure	FOIA/PA-2012-0163
Final reports and closing memos for closed Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigations on travel related issues from January 1, 2006 to March 2, 2012	FOIA/PA-2012-0164
Log of FOIA requests and correspondence from or on behalf of Senator Debbie Stabenow of MI since January 1, 2001	FOIA/PA-2012-0165
Correspondence with former Senator George LeMieux (September 2009-January 2011) or as former Chief of staff to Governor Crist (January 2007-January 2008)	FOIA/PA-2012-0166

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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International Electro-Technical Commission Meeting

From February 23 to March 1, 2012, staff represented the NRC as part of the U.S. national delegation to meetings of the International Electro-technical Commission (IEC) Subcommittee 45a, "Instrumentation and Control of Nuclear Facilities," in support of international standards development. The IEC is the international standards body for standards in the areas of electrical, instrumentation and control and communications engineering topics. Key issues discussed at this meeting were coordination with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) for development of standards, particularly in the areas of equipment qualification and post accident monitoring; development of IEC standards in the areas of cyber security, design and qualification of isolation devices, and categorization of digital systems important to safety; linking IEC standards with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) standards; and accounting for lessons learned from the Fukushima accident in IEC standards.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Co-sponsored Workshop on Treatment of Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) Uncertainties

On February 29 and March 1, 2012, RES co-sponsored a workshop with the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) on the treatment of PRA uncertainties. The workshop brought together experts to gain a better understanding of sources of uncertainty, how they are manifested in the PRA, and their potential significance to PRA model and results. The workshop specifically addressed uncertainties associated with risk assessments for internal fires, seismic events, low power and shutdown conditions, and for the Level 2 portion of a PRA. A report is being written summarizing the findings from the workshop. It is envisioned that the findings from the workshop can be used to support risk-informed decision making and to identify and prioritize future work to be pursued either by the NRC or industry. Participant feedback was very positive.

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

The Japan Orders based on Near-Term Task Force recommendations press release and Orders involving mandatory actions in lieu of the anniversary of Fukushima.

The Chairman's roundtable at the Regulatory Information Conference on Tuesday morning.

The NRC continues to oversee upstream dam flooding and all U.S. plants will evaluate flooding to implement the Near-Term Task Force recommendation.

The details of the Annual Assessment letter for the Indian Point nuclear plant and Unit 2 refueling outage.

The new petition filed in the Pilgrim nuclear plant (MA) license renewal proceeding regarding aquatic impacts and Commission ruling.

The issues, next steps and clarification of the Commission decision involving the Seabrook nuclear plant (NH) license renewal application.

The 2011 findings and a day-in-the-life of a NRC resident inspector tour with Kalamazoo Gazette at the Palisades nuclear plant (MI).

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following media interviews and events:

- OPA updated Platts on the status of a Byron Special Inspection Team (SIT) and noted that a report will be issued within 45 days.
- Interview between OPA, Associated Press, Platts, Minnesota Public Radio, and the ABC TV affiliate regarding the unusual event at Prairie Island nuclear plant (MN) due to a decrease in coolant level.
- Chairman Jaczko Q&A on Fukushima, new reactors, nuclear waste, and the relationships among the Commissioners.

OPA issued 3 blog posts:

- Japan: A view from one year later .
- Helping the public understand what's going on at Palisades .
- The Challenging Role of an NRC Instrumentation and Controls Engineer .

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
12-023	NRC to Issue Orders, Information Request as Part of Implementing Fukushima-Related Recommendations (3/9/2012)
12-022	NRC Issues Annual Assessment Letters for Nation's Nuclear Plants (3/7/2012)
12-021	NRC Examining Potential Impact on Nuclear Plant Safety from Upstream Dam Failure (3/6/2012)
Regions:	
III-12-008	NRC is Monitoring an Unusual Event at Prairie Island Nuclear Power Plant (3/6/2012)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-12-0010	3/5/12	Engagement of Stakeholders Regarding the Events in Japan
2. SECY-12-0030	2/23/12	Final Rule: Requirements for Maintenance of Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (RIN 3150-AI77)
3. SRM on SECY-12-0025	3/9/12	Proposed Orders and Requests for Information in Response to Lessons Learned from Japan's March 11, 2011, Great Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami
4. Commission Voting Record on SECY-12-0025	3/9/12	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-12-0027	2/17/12	Preemption Authority Pursuant to Section 161A., "Use of Firearms by Security Personnel," of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as Amended
2. SECY-12-0035	3/8/12	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending March 2, 2012
Memoranda		
1. M120222B	3/5/12	Staff Requirements – Briefing on Fort Calhoun Station
2. M120308	3/8/12	Staff Requirements – Affirmation Session: I. SECY-11-0085 – NextEra Seabrook, LLC (Seabrook Station, Unit 1), Appeals of LBP-11-2 (Feb. 15, 2011), Docket No. 50-443-LR; II. SECY-12-0006 – Entergy Nuclear Generation Co. and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station), Commonwealth of Massachusetts' and Pilgrim Watch's Petitions for Review of LBP-11-35 and Related Filings

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Application for a License to Export Steel Forging.
2. Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI), notice of meeting (04/16-17/2012).

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