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# INFORMATION REPORT

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For: The Commissioners

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Office of Administration (ADM)  
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Public Web Site Content Delivery and Continuity of Operation Services

On March 23, 2012, as a result of a non-competitive solicitation, a firm-fixed-price General Services Administration Federal Supply Schedule task order (GS-35F-0626M/NRC-HQ-12-F-33-0001) was awarded to Akamai Technologies, Inc. of Reston, VA. This task order will provide the NRC with maintenance and assistance to distribute and deliver hypertext transfer protocol content and provide Continuity of Operations services for the NRC public Web site. The base period of performance is February 1, 2012, to January 31, 2013, with a 6-month option period from February 1, 2013, to July 31, 2013. The total value of the contract is \$482,038, inclusive of the option.

Human Resource Education Grants

On March 30, 2012, 52 grants were awarded to Higher Educational Institutions across the United States and Puerto Rico. The grants range in value from \$25,000 to \$450,000, for a total value of \$13,949,204. These grants will provide support for fellowships, scholarships, faculty development, and curriculum development programs at the various education entities. The period of performance will start April 1, 2012, and depending on the grantee and the program, could be modified and extended up to 5 years from the date of award.

Office of Human Resources (HR)  
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<b>Arrivals</b>		
Daun, Travis	Reactor Engineer/Resident Inspector	R-III
Seber, Dogan	Senior Geophysicist	NRO
Strasma, Richard	Public Affairs Field Officer	PA
<b>Retirements</b>		
Boyce, Thomas	Director, Office of Information Services	OIS
Cain, Charles	Senior Materials Analyst	R-IV
Gardner, George	Sr. Construction Project Inspector	R-II
Howard, Patrick	Chief Information Security Officer & Director, Computer Security Office	CSO
<b>Departures</b>		
Brown, Nathan	Administrative Assistant	ADM

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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 March 30, 2012- April 05, 2012:

Correspondence with Southern California Edison regarding steam generator replacement at San Onofre, 2003-March 27, 2012	FOIA/PA-2012-0188
Response from the Office of the General Counsel requested in NRC memo from M. Bailey to M. Young, dated 9/20/10, regarding Regulatory Guide 3.74	FOIA/PA-2012-0189
The sequence of dose mapping and projections for Fukushima mentioned in March 16, 2011, transcript	FOIA/PA-2012-0190
FOIA logs for Fiscal Years 2000-2004, 2009-2010 and logs of fee waivers for Fiscal Years 2000-2010	FOIA/PA-2012-0191

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)  
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Meeting with Spring Insulated Conductor Committee

From March 26 to March 28, 2012, staff participated in the Spring Insulated Conductor Committee meeting in Seattle, WA. During the meeting, the staff participated in several working groups and discussion groups related to the design and testing of power cables. The staff also participated in a question and answer forum related to power cable issues affecting the nuclear industry. One specific item of interest was submergence of medium voltage power cables. At the conclusion of the question and answer forum, the meeting participants decided to begin formulating a technical white paper to address the impact that submergence has on medium voltage modern ethylene propylene rubber (EPR) cables with the intent to show that these cables are not as susceptible to water damage as other medium voltage cable types.

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Meeting in Vienna

From March 26 to March 30, 2012, staff attended and co-chaired the IAEA Working Group 2 and 3 meetings in Vienna, Austria. The purpose of the meetings was to support the development of IAEA International Generic Aging Lessons Learned document for life extensions of nuclear power plants by the member states. NRC participants provided input on acceptable aging management programs and aging management review line items related to electrical, instrumentation control, and structural components and systems. Members from 16 countries participated in the meeting.

Public Meeting with Boiling Water Reactor Owner's Group

On March 28, 2012, staff participated in a public meeting with the Boiling Water Reactor Owner's Group (BWROG). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the ongoing issues regarding the BWR emergency core cooling system suction strainer resolution effort. The meeting included a schedule update from the BWROG Chairman. The BWROG Chairman stated that the effort will require an additional two years to complete due to complications with establishing contracts with Westinghouse and Areva for downstream effects fuel assembly testing. Some intermediate milestones have been delayed, and the final milestone date will be extended to year 2017. The BWROG will provide an updated schedule of all milestones in mid-May.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)  
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Revision 4 of Regulatory Guide 1.82, "Water Sources for Long-Term Recirculation Cooling Following a Loss-of-Coolant Accident"

On April 2, 2012 the *Federal Register* Notice (77 FR 19740) was published announcing the release of Revision 4 of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.82, "Water Sources for Long-Term Recirculation Cooling Following a Loss-of-Coolant Accident." This regulatory guide describes methods that the NRC staff considers acceptable to implement requirements regarding the sumps and suppression pools that provide water sources for emergency core cooling, containment heat removal, or containment atmosphere cleanup systems. Revision 4 of RG 1.82 provides guidelines for evaluating the adequacy and the availability of the sump or suppression pool for long-term recirculation cooling following a loss-of-coolant accident. Revision 4 of RG 1.82 is available on the NRC Web site at:  
<http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML1113/ML111330278.pdf>

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

V.C. Summer's (SC) combined license approval for new reactor.

San Onofre nuclear generating station's (CA) degraded tubes in the new steam generators.

Indian Point nuclear plant (NY) Unit 2's power inverter problem and event notification issue.

National Academy of Sciences' nuclear facility cancer study.

Catawba's (NC) loss of offsite power and unusual event declaration.

Pilgrim nuclear plant's (MA) license renewal and the recent Commission denial to review the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel's Post-Fukushima contention.

Low-level waste disposal and licensing process including the disposal of depleted uranium and information on Waste Control Specialist Company.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following media interviews and events:

- San Onofre nuclear plant (CA) tour and visit from NRC Chairman Jaczko, OPA coordinated interviews with Associated Press, LA Times, Platts, San Diego Union Tribune, Bloomberg and local TV affiliates.
- OPA participated in Perry nuclear plant (OH) annual assessment meeting and coordinated interviews with local news media including pre-meeting interview with WKSU radio, an NPR affiliate covering Ohio and Michigan.
- OPA participated in LaSalle nuclear plant (IL) annual assessment meeting and facilitated a live interview with WGLS news radio.
- OPA participated in the Fort Calhoun (NE) public meeting to discuss the 0350 process update and the plant's continued increased oversight and facilitated interviews following the meeting with local Omaha reporters.

OPA issued blog posts:

- Putting Security Back into the Reactors Oversight Process Assessment Program.
- Channeling da Vinci—The Competition to Create the NRC Seal.

OPA issued YouTube Video:

- NRC Open Government – Two Years In.

<b>Press Releases</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b>	
<a href="#">11-12-014</a>	NRC Schedules Meeting in Piketon to Discuss Lead Cascade Facility (4/5/2012)
<a href="#">11-12-013</a>	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss Babcock & Wilcox Nuclear Operations Group in Lynchburg (4/5/2012)
<b>Regions:</b>	
<a href="#">I-12-014</a>	NRC Names New Resident Inspector at Limerick Nuclear Plant (4/2/2012)
<a href="#">II-12-012</a>	NRC Schedules Meetings to Discuss Assessment of Watts Bar 1 Nuclear Plant and Construction Inspections for Watts Bar 2 (4/5/2012)
<a href="#">II-12-011</a>	NRC Schedules Open House and Meeting to Discuss Annual Assessment of Robinson Nuclear Power Plant (4/5/2012)
<a href="#">II-12-010</a>	NRC Monitors Events at Catawba Nuclear Power Plant After Loss Of Offsite Power and Unusual Event Declaration (4/4/2012)
<a href="#">II-12-009</a>	NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Annual Assessment of Hatch Nuclear Power Plant (4/4/2012)
<a href="#">II-12-008</a>	NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Annual Assessment of Farley Nuclear Power Plant (4/4/2012)
<a href="#">II-12-007</a>	NRC to Discuss Urenco USA Performance at Meeting in Eunice (4/3/2012)



Office of the Secretary (SECY)  
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. <a href="#">SECY-12-0042</a>	3/19/12	Colorado Alternative Standards; Implementation of the Alternative Standards Provision in Section 274o of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, As Amended
<b>Information Papers</b>		
1. <a href="#">SECY-12-0040</a>	3/16/12	Activities Addressing Implementation and Assessment of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program in the Office of Enforcement
<b>Memoranda</b>		
1. <a href="#">M120327B</a>	4/3/12	Staff Requirements – Briefing on License Renewal for Research and Test Reactors

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Representative Brad Sherman, dated March 30, 2012, responds to his letter to NRC and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) regarding safety and security at U.S. nuclear power plants following accident at Fukushima Dai-ichi.
2. Letter to Congress, U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), dated March 30, 2012, provides the NRC's Fiscal Year 2011 Annual Report on the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act (No FEAR) Act of 2002.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Establishment of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB), Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station), Docket No. 50-293-LR, ASLBP No. 12-917-05-LR-BD01.
2. Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Considerations and Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information.
3. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Power Uprates, notice of meeting 4/26/2012.

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