

# INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Administration (ADM)  
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Local Transportation Support for NRC Staff Members

On April 18, 2012, as a result of an 8(a) non-competitive solicitation, a firm-fixed-price contract (NRC-HQ-12-C-10-0049) was awarded to Dream Management Incorporated of Baltimore, MD for the shuttle bus service between the NRC headquarters buildings. The period of performance is June 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012, with two 1-month option periods. The total value of the contract is \$969,366, inclusive of all options.

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: HI-STORM 100, Revision 8; Confirmation of Effective Date (RIN 3150-AJ05, NRC-2011-0221)

On April 25, 2012, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 24585), a confirmation of an effective date for the direct final rule that was published in the *Federal Register* on February 17, 2012 (77 FR 9515). This direct final rule amended the NRC's spent fuel storage cask regulations by revising the Holtec International HI-STORM 100 System listing within the "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks" to include Amendment No. 8 to Certificate of Compliance (CoC) Number 1014. The effective date for this direct final rule is May 2, 2012.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)  
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<b>Arrivals</b>		
Roach, Gregory	Senior Resident Inspector - LaSalle	R-III
<b>Retirements</b>		
None		
<b>Departures</b>		
Fuller, Jeffrey	Student Engineer (Co-Op)	R-I
Kerr, Matthew	Materials Engineer	RES

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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 April 20, 2012- April 26, 2012:

Documents Office of Inspector General generated/reviewed in investigation of allegation that a fabricator at Southern California Edison's San Onofre Plant was subject to discrimination for raising safety concerns	FOIA/PA-2012-0202
Any records associated with Material Licensing Tracking System status of Chemical Service Lab	FOIA/PA-2012-0203
All records regarding San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Units 2 and 3 replacement wear, leaks, pressure test failures, etc.	FOIA/PA-2012-0204
Any findings, results, conclusions of NRC/Department of Labor regarding named individual claims of retaliation by Southern California Edison including any witness statements or documents collected in investigation	FOIA/PA-2012-0205
Each bi-annual response to Senators Grassley and Coburn regarding their April 8, 2010 letter to the NRC Office of the Inspector General	FOIA/PA-2012-0206
The assigned allegation tracking number for the allegation showing as open, Global Nuclear Fuels for 2009, in the statics publication	FOIA/PA-2012-0207
Personnel record including FOIAs previously requested	FOIA/PA-2012-0208

Office of New Reactors (NRO)  
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Staff Issues Levy 1 and 2 COL Final Environmental Impact Statement

On April 27, 2012, the staff signed out NUREG-1941, "Environmental Impact Statement for the Combined License (COL) for Levy Nuclear Power Plant Units 1 and 2: Final Report," Volumes 1-3. This environmental impact statement (EIS) includes the staff's environmental recommendation that the COL should be issued based on the environmental impacts of the project and that there are no environmentally preferable or obviously superior sites. The document is now on the NRC public website and is available through ADAMS.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)  
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License Renewal Scoping and Screening Methodology Audit at Callaway Plant, Unit 1

During the week of April 16, 2012, the staff conducted a scoping and screening methodology audit at Callaway Plant, Unit 1, as part of its review of the applicant's license renewal application. The focus of the staff's audit was on the methodology used by the applicant to identify the systems, structures, and components (SSCs) included within the scope of license renewal and the structures and components subject to an aging management review. The staff also reviewed the applicant's administrative controls governing implementation of the scoping and screening methodology and, on a sampling basis, the results of the application of that methodology for selected SSCs. In addition, the staff performed an initial review of the applicant's operating experience to identify relevant information to support the staff's review of aging management programs.

Seabrook Alkali Silica Reaction (ASR) Public Meeting

On April 23, 2012, a public meeting was held between the NextEra and the NRC staff to discuss the licensee's plans and schedule regarding concrete degradation caused by alkali ASR at Seabrook Station, Unit 1 (Seabrook). The NRC staff agreed with NextEra's assessment that the ASR-affected structures are operable but degraded. The NRC staff posed questions to NextEra regarding the condition of the concrete, continued operability, monitoring/managing plans, and schedule for submittal of a corrective action plan to address the issue. NextEra provided a discussion regarding the impact that the ASR has on the plant and addressed its ongoing testing programs. NextEra indicated that it plans to submit to the NRC staff its engineering evaluation and corrective action plan in May 2012. The NRC staff communicated that it will continue to review this issue and that the license renewal schedule has and will continue to be impacted. In addition, the NRC staff indicated that a public meeting will be held near the vicinity of the site to address the ASR issue once the licensee has more fully addressed this issue and the NRC staff has reviewed the documents that are scheduled to be submitted on the docket.

Public Meeting with Xcel Energy on National Fire Protection Association 805 License Amendment Request for Prairie Island

On April 24, 2012, staff held a pre-application public meeting with Xcel Energy to discuss their National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805 License Amendment Request (LAR) for Prairie Island Units 1 and 2. The licensee is on track to submit their NFPA 805 LAR by September 30, 2012.

License Renewal for Reed College Research Reactor

On April 25, 2012, staff issued renewed Facility Operating License No. R-112 for the Reed College research reactor. The renewed license authorizes operation of the reactor at power levels up to 250 kW for a period of 20 years from the date of its issuance. The reactor utilizes low-enriched uranium fuel and is located on the Reed College campus in Portland, Oregon. The reactor is operated primarily for teaching and research.

Office of Public Affairs (OPA)  
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OPA received significant media Inquiries on the following:

Alert declared at the Point Beach nuclear plant (WI) due to high level of carbon monoxide in an area adjacent to the diesel generator during a generator test.

Shearon Harris nuclear power plant's (NC) event report on the failure to close two of its main steam isolation valves.

Vogtle (SC) new reactor construction's recent rebar design change issues.

NRC's response to letter from the Vermont Department of Public Service on the license renewal for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant (VT) and the recent power reduction at the plant.

Tiny jellyfish blocking screens that protect the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant's (CA) condensers and heat exchangers from the marine debris.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following media interviews and events:

- OPA coordinated and facilitated Seabrook nuclear power plant's (NH) annual assessment meeting and open house as well as meetings discussing the plant's concrete degradation issues. OPA also coordinated interviews with local news media.
- OPA coordinated and facilitated annual assessment meeting and coordinated interviews with local news media at Sequoyah (PA), Catawba (SC), McGuire (NC) and Surry (VA) nuclear power plants.
- OPA is working with staff to answer an exhaustive series of questions by a Maine-based reporter on independent spent fuel storage installation rules and rulemaking, and Maine Yankee decommissioning.

OPA issued blog posts:

- How the NRC uses Enforcement to Protect People and the Environment.
- What's so Hard(ened) About Vents?

<b>Press Releases</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b>	
12-045	NRC, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Issue Final Environmental Impact Statement for New Reactors at Levy County Site (4/27/2012).
12-044	NRC to Discuss Reactor License Renewal Process May 9 in Rockville, MD (4/26/2012).
12-043	NRC Settles Discrimination Case; Vendor Agrees to Strengthen its Anti-Retaliation Policies (4/25/2012).
12-042	Opening Remarks of NRC Chairman Gregory Jaczko at the Briefing on Part 35 Medical Event Definitions – Permanent Implant Brachytherapy (4/24/2012).
12-041	NRC to Discuss Long-Term Fukushima-Related Recommendations May 3, 7 and 14 in Rockville, MD (4/24/2012).
<b>Regions:</b>	
I-12-020	NRC to Take Comments on Annual Assessment of Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plant (4/25/2012).
II-12-025	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss 2011 Performance of North Anna Nuclear Power Plant (4/23/2012).
II-12-024	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss Safety Performance of Honeywell Metropolis Facility (4/23/2012).
III-12-017	NRC Responded to Alert at Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant (4/26/2012).
III-12-016	NRC Names New Resident Inspector at Perry Nuclear Power Plant (4/25/2012).
III-12-015	NRC Names New Resident Inspector at Palisades Nuclear Power Plant (4/25/2012).
IV-12-014	NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at Callaway Nuclear Power Plant (4/25/2012).



Office of the Secretary (SECY)  
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. <a href="#">SRM on SECY-10-0161</a>	4/26/12	Final Rule: Risk-Informed Changes to Loss-of-Coolant Accident Technical Requirements (10 CFR 50.46a) (RIN 3150-AH29)
2. <a href="#">SECY-12-0062</a>	4/20/12	Renewal of Full-Power Operating License for Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station
<b>Information Papers</b>		
1. <a href="#">SECY-12-0055</a>	4/8/12	Reactor Oversight Process Self-Assessment for Calendar Year 2011
2. <a href="#">SECY-12-0056</a>	4/9/12	Fiscal Year 2011 Results of the Industry Trends Program for Operating Power Reactors
3. <a href="#">SECY-12-0061</a>	4/19/12	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending April 13, 2012

Commission Correspondence

1. None.

*Federal Register* Notices Issued

1. Policy Statement; Issuance: Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management and Volume Reduction [NRC-2011-0183].
2. 10 CFR Parts 50 and 52, PRM-50-104; NRC-2012-0046, Emergency Planning Zone, Petition for Rulemaking Notice of Receipt and Request for Comment.