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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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Root Cause Report Evaluation Training

On April 30, 2012, as a result of a small business competitive solicitation, a firm-fixed-price contract (NRC-HQ-12-C-38-0060) was awarded to Management Systems, LLC, of Marlborough, CT. The contractor will provide training to NRC staff in the efficient and effective review of root cause investigations that were conducted by others (e.g., NRC licensees). The period of performance is April 30, 2012, to April 29, 2013, with four 1-year option periods. The total value of the contract is \$608,559, inclusive of all options.

Technical Assistance in Support of the Review of Evacuation Time Estimates

On May 2, 2011, as a result of a noncompetitive acquisition, a cost-plus-fixed-fee type contract (NRC-HQ-12-C-07-0036) was awarded to Southwest Research Institute of San Antonio, TX. The contractor will provide technical assistance in support of the review of evacuation time estimates for licensed nuclear power plants in accordance with new enhancements to emergency preparedness regulations. The period of performance is May 7, 2012, to September 28, 2012, with an optional period through December 30, 2013. The total estimated value of the contract is \$510,899, inclusive of all options.

Petition for Rulemaking; Submitted by the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., Proposed Rule: 10 CFR Part 50 (PRM-50-102; NRC-2011-0189)

On April 27, 2012, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 25104) a document to consider the issues raised in the petition for rulemaking (PRM), PRM-50-102, submitted by the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. (the petitioner), in the rulemaking process. The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its regulations to require more realistic, hands-on training and exercises on Severe Accident Management Guidelines and Extensive Damage Mitigation Guidelines. The NRC determined that the issues raised in the PRM are appropriate for consideration and will consider them in the ongoing Fukushima Near Term Task Force Recommendation 8 rulemaking (Docket ID NRC-2012-0031). The docket for PRM-50-102 was closed on April 27, 2012.

Emergency Planning Zone, Petition for Rulemaking; 10 CFR Part 50 and 52 (PRM-50-104; NRC-2012-0046)

On April 30, 2012, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 25375) a notice of receipt and request for comment for a petition for rulemaking (PRM), dated February 15, 2012, which was filed with the NRC by Mr. Michael Mariotte on behalf of the Nuclear Information and Resource Service (NIRS or the petitioner) and 37 co-petitioners. The petition was docketed by the NRC on February 17, 2012, and assigned Docket No. PRM-50-104. The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its regulations to expand the emergency planning zones for nuclear power plants. Comments are due by July 16, 2012.

Access Authorization Fees, Direct Final Rule; 10 CFR Parts 11 and 25 (RIN 3150-AJ00; NRC-2011-0161)

On May 3, 2012, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 26149) a direct final rule amending the NRC's access authorization fees charged to licensees for work performed under the Material Access Authorization Program and the Information Access Authority Program. The amended cost is due to an increase in the review time for each application for access authorization. The NRC's formula for calculating fees will remain the same and is based on current Office of Personnel Management investigation billing rates for background investigations. The formula is designed to recover the full cost of processing a request for access authorization from an NRC licensee. The direct final rule is effective June 22, 2012, unless significant adverse comments are received by June 4, 2012. A companion proposed rule was published in the *Federal Register* on May 3, 2012 (77 FR 26213). Comments on the proposed rule are due by June 4, 2012.

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ENCLOSURE A

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
 Items of Interest
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Arrivals		
Holder, Phyllis	Administrative Assistant	R-IV
Retirements		
Caniano, Roy	Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety	R-IV
Dvorak, Charles	Criminal Investigator	OI
Hodgdon, Ann	Senior Attorney	OGC
Li, Hulbert	Senior Electrical Engineer	NRO
Mahoney, Darlene	Recruitment Project Manager	OCHCO
Nelson, Robert	Deputy Director, Division of License Renewal	NRR
Virgilio, Martin	Deputy Executive Director, Reactor & Preparedness Programs	EDO
Virgilio, Rosetta	Senior Intergovernmental Program Analyst	FSME
Departures		
Dreisbach, Jason	Senior Fire Protection Engineer	NRO
Pangburn, George	Senior Materials Advisor	EDO

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 27, 2012- May 3, 2012:

PT Night Sights Las Vegas, NV, radioactive Materials License, materials permitted on-site and dates license was active.	FOIA/PA-2012-0209
All documents that fall within listed document categories pertaining to Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., Erwin, TN.	FOIA/PA-2012-0210
Any and all documents pertaining to the list of fire protection non-compliances, the compensatory measures at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.	FOIA/PA-2012-0211
Complete listing of all permit recipients, contractors, sub-contractors working for the construction and operation of Plant Vogtle Reactors III and IV.	FOIA/PA-2012-0212
Any and all information on cannabinoids, use of cannabinoids toward economic gain, and agency policy related to public inquiry.	FOIA/PA-2012-0213
Records pertaining to Constellation Energy Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant regarding issue and suspension of plant unescorted access, including medical related documents and pre-access investigation documents on named individual 5/2008-8/2011.	FOIA/PA-2012-0214
Any and all documents pertaining to incidents/accidents at Fort Calhoun Power Reactor 8/9/73-5/2/2012.	FOIA/PA-2012-0215

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Request for Public Comment on Extended Storage and Transportation Technical Information Needs Report

On May 3, 2012, staff released for public comment its draft report entitled "Identification and Prioritization of the Technical Information Needs Affecting Potential Regulation of Extended Storage and Transportation of Spent Nuclear Fuel," as a joint product of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards and the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research. The report reviews potential degradation mechanisms that could affect dry storage and transportation of spent nuclear fuel, and identifies those where additional technical information may be needed to support future regulatory actions or potential changes in regulations or guidance. The public comment period closes June 18, 2012.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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McGuire 1&2 Measurement Uncertainty Recapture Power Uprate Acceptance

By application dated March 5, 2012, the licensee requested a 1.7% measurement uncertainty recapture power uprate for McGuire Units 1 and 2, using Cameron CheckPlus Leading Edge Flow Meter ultrasonic flow measurement instrumentation. By electronic letter dated April 25, 2012, staff informed the licensee that the application was accepted for a detailed technical review.

Public Meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute

On May 3, 2012, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) representatives and stakeholders to discuss technical and licensing basis issues related to fire induced circuit failures, including multiple spurious actuations.

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

Embargoed Government Accountability Office Report regarding decommissioning funding estimates.

Pilgrim nuclear power plant's (MA) preparations for possible labor strike, NRC oversight of the facility and opposition to the issuance of plant's license renewal.

Salem nuclear power plant (NJ) recent unusual event, scram of Unit 1, following multiple fire alarms involving the containment building sounded; no evidence of fire was found.

Relicensing status of Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS) fuel facility.

Concrete degradation issues at the Seabrook nuclear power plant (NH).

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following media interviews and events:

- The annual assessment meeting and interviews with local news media at Indian Point (NY) nuclear power plant and NFS's license performance review.

OPA issued blog posts:

- The Attack of the Jelly Fish.
- Preparing the NRC for America's Nuclear Future.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
<u>12-046</u>	Opening Remarks of NRC Chairman Gregory Jaczko at the Briefing on Human Capital and Equal Employment Opportunity (4/30/2012).
<u>12-047</u>	Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to Hold Oral Arguments May 18 on Davis-Besse Shield Building Cracking (5/2/2012).
Regions:	
<u>I-12-021</u>	NRC to Hold May 17 Public Meeting, Open House in Tarrytown, NY, to Discuss Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant Annual Assessment (5/3/2012).
<u>I-12-022</u>	NRC Moving Region I Office to New King of Prussia, PA, Location (5/4/2012).
<u>I-12-023</u>	NRC to Hold Public Meeting, Open House on May 15 in Salem, NJ, to Discuss Salem, Hope Creek Nuclear Plant Annual Assessments (5/4/2012).
<u>II-12-026</u>	NRC to Discuss NFS Performance at Public Meeting in Erwin (4/30/2012).
<u>II-12-027</u>	NRC Schedules Public Meeting to Discuss Proposed Global Laser Enrichment Facility (5/1/2012).
<u>IV-12-015</u>	NRC to Hold Open House May 30 for Columbia Generating Station (4/30/2012).
<u>IV-12-016</u>	NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Fort Calhoun Nuclear Plant (5/4/2012).

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-12-0030	4/25/12	Final Rule: Requirements for Maintenance of Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (RIN 3150-A177)
2. SECY-12-0060	4/17/12	Proposed Changes to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Associated with Buried Piping
3. SRM on SECY-12-0027	5/3/12	Preemption Authority Pursuant to Section 161A., "Use of Firearms by Security Personnel," of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as Amended
4. Commission Voting Record on SECY-12-0027	5/3/12	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-12-0065	4/27/12	Weekly Information Report – Week ending April 20, 2012
2. SECY-12-0059	4/16/12	Construction Reactor Oversight Process Self-Assessment for Calendar Year 2011
Memoranda		
1. M120424	5/2/12	Staff Requirements - Briefing on Part 35 Medical Event Definitions – Permanent Implant Brachytherapy
2. M120430	5/4/12	Staff Requirements - Briefing on Human Capital and Equal Employment Opportunity

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, dated April 23, 2012, responds to letter regarding concerns of Turkey Point Nuclear Plant ability to withstand and respond to any possible disaster.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, Union Electric Company (Callaway Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1).

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