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For: The Commissioners

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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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Advanced Prognostics and Diagnostics

On May 11, 2012, as a result of a competitive negotiated acquisition, a cost plus fixed fee type contract (NRC-HQ-12-C-04-0062) was awarded to Sohar Incorporated of Culver City, CA. The contractor will provide technical guidance, regulatory-based acceptance criteria, and recommendations for tools and methodologies to support regulatory evaluation of proposed applications of Advanced Diagnostics and Prognostics. The contractor will also provide assistance to NRC staff in preparing review processes and inspection procedures. The period of performance is from May 11, 2012, to November 10, 2013, with no option periods. The total value of the contract is \$360,416.

Requirement for Fingerprint-Based Criminal History Records Checks for Individuals Seeking Unescorted Access to Non-Power Reactors (Research or Test Reactors), Final Rule; 10 CFR Part 73 (RIN 3150-A125; NRC 2008-0619)

On May 11, 2012, the NRC published a final rule in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 27561) amending its regulations to require non-power reactor licensees to obtain fingerprint-based criminal history records checks before granting any individual unescorted access to their facilities. This action complies with the requirements of Section 652 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct), which amended Section 149 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, to require fingerprinting and a Federal Bureau of Investigation identification and criminal history records checks of individuals permitted unescorted access to a utilization facility. This rule will be effective on November 7, 2012.

Filing a Renewed License Application, Denial of Petition for Rulemaking; 10 CFR Part 54 (Docket No. PRM-54-6; NRC 2010-0291)

On May 14, 2012, the NRC published a document in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 28316) denying a petition for rulemaking (PRM) submitted by Raymond Shadis and Mary Lampert on behalf of Earth Day Commitment/Friends of the Coast, Beyond Nuclear, Seacoast Anti-Pollution League, C-10 Research and Education Foundation, Pilgrim Watch, and New England Coalition, and joined in by New Hampshire State Representative Robin Reed (the petitioners). The petitioners requested that the NRC amend its regulations to accept a license renewal application (LRA) to sooner than 10 years before the expiration of the current license and to apply the revised rule to all LRAs for which the NRC has not issued a final safety evaluation report. The petitioners also requested a suspension of all new license renewal activity until the rulemaking is decided.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
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Arrivals		
Akleman, Cem	Law Clerk (Student)	OGC
Batson, Thomas	Student Engineer (Summer)	R-II
Beck, Colin	Student Security Specialist	NSIR
Berger, Shannon	Student Engineer (Summer)	NRR
Burlij, Emily	Policy Advisor (Legal)	COMM
Carrico, Erica	Student Engineer	R-IV
Coughlin, Sara	Criminal Investigator	OI
Frame, Theresa	Law Clerk (Student)	OGC
Gruhler, Linda	Administrative Assistant	R-II
Johnson, Meaghan	Student Engineer	NRO
Mcgrattan, Brian	Student Engineer	RES
Ready-Mcclain, Owen	Law Clerk (Student)	OGC
Scrabeck, Brian	Project Engineer (Resident Inspector)	R-I
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
None		

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period
of May 11, 2012- May 17, 2012:

Any and all information re radioactive materials, environmental inspections, audits, permits, plans, enforcement releases, investigations, clean-ups at WestClox, Peru IL.	FOIA/PA-2012-0223
Copy of the CD and digital photos sent by the NRC team in Tokyo to the NRC Operations Center as referenced in ML12128A335.	FOIA/PA-2012-0224
Records related to named individual early grade promotion, position description review, and desk audit from 1/27/11 – 5/16/12.	FOIA/PA-2012-0225
Closing memo, final report, report of investigation for each of the closed investigations mentioned in June 15, 2010 letter to Senator Grassley and Coburn.	FOIA/PA-2012-0226
Closing memo, final report, report of investigation for each closed investigation mentioned in January 11, 2011 letter to Senators Grassley and Coburn.	FOIA/PA-2012-0227
Closing memo, final report, report of investigation for each closed investigation mentioned in November 10, 2011 letter to Senators Grassley and Coburn.	FOIA/PA-2012-0228
Closing memo, final report, report of investigation for each closed investigation mentioned in June 24, 2011 letter to Senators Grassley and Coburn.	FOIA/PA-2012-0229
Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant Unit 1 and 2, any and all documents pertaining to asbestos-containing equipment, machinery, products, and materials installed 1967-1974.	FOIA/PA-2012-0230

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Waterford Steam Electric Station, National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 805 (NFPA 805), Regulatory Audit

During the week of May 7, 2012, the staff conducted an NFPA 805 regulatory audit at the Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3. The audit team reviewed NFPA 805 transition documents related to Waterford's NFPA 805 license amendment request. Waterford's staff and their contractors conducted presentations, technical discussions, and plant tours to help the audit team understand the licensee's amendment request to transition to an NFPA 805 Fire Protection Program.

Public Meeting with Technical Specifications Task Force

On May 8, 2012, the staff conducted a quarterly Category 2 public meeting with the Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) to discuss a variety of technical issues and administrative processes related to Technical Specifications and TSTF Travelers (changes to the Standard Technical Specifications). The following items were discussed: issuance of STS Rev. 4, status of Travelers under review, TSTF concerns regarding NRC operating experience smart sample, technical specification interpretation and operability determination, status of NRC actions related to Surveillance Requirement 3.0.3 application to the In-Service Testing Program and other testing, status of a Traveler to revise the boiling water reactor operations with the potential to drain the reactor vessel, and changes to existing Section 3.0 of the STS because of resulting challenges with non-uniformity across licensees.

Final Rule on Fingerprinting at Non-Power Reactors

On Friday, May 11, 2012, the final rule on fingerprinting at Non-Power Reactors (NPRs) was published in the *Federal Register*. The final rule modifies 10 CFR 73.57 to require licensees to obtain FBI fingerprint-based criminal history records checks for all persons seeking or granted unescorted access to the licensees' vital areas or special nuclear material. Licensees have 180 days from the date of publication to implement the rule.

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

The decommissioning of Eastman Kodak's (NY) NRC-licensed Californium Neutron Flux Multiplier.

Pilgrim nuclear power plant's (MA) possible labor strike.

Notice of violation against Southern Nuclear, finding that portions of the Vogtle (GA) new reactor construction of Unit 3's rebar installation did not meet the approved NRC requirements.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following media interviews and events:

- OPA coordinated and facilitated annual assessment public meetings, open houses and coordinated interviews with local news media at Indian Point (NY) Catawba (SC) and St. Lucie (FL) nuclear power plants.
- Browns Ferry nuclear plant's (AL) public meeting to hear the status of their corrective actions since last year's red finding.
- OPA pushed back to reporters explaining the inaccuracies about the AP emergency preparedness article and posted a "For the Record."
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OPA issued blog posts:

- Revisiting the Changes to NRC Emergency Preparedness Regulations.
- NRC Report on the Davis-Besse Shield Building Safety Demonstrates an Intrusive and In-Depth Review.
- An International Crisis Communication Conference (Dateline: Madrid).

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
12-059	Nuclear Regulatory Commission Honors Employees in Rockville, Maryland, Ceremony (5/18/2012).
12-058	Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to Hold Prehearing Conference on Callaway Nuclear Plant License Renewal (5/17/2012).
12-057	Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Cancels Oral Arguments in Davis-Besse License Renewal Hearing Scheduled for May 18 (5/15/2012).
Regions:	
I-12-026	NRC Bans President of Puerto Rico Company From NRC-Licensed Activities for Five Years (5/17/2012).
I-12-025	NRC Issues Confirmatory Action Letter on Commitments to Address Seabrook Nuclear Plant Concrete Degradation (5/17/2012).
II-12-036	NRC Schedules Public Meeting for May 22 to Discuss Watts Bar Nuclear Unit 2 Construction Project (5/15/2012).
II-12-035	NRC to Increase Oversight of North Anna Nuclear Power Plant (5/14/2012).
II-12-034	NRC to Increase Oversight of St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant (5/14/2012).
IV-12-019	NRC Issues Confirmatory Order to Texas Gamma Ray After Agreement is Reached Under Alternative Dispute Resolution (5/16/2012).

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM on SECY-12-0042	5/18/12	Colorado Alternative Standards; Implementation of the Alternative Standards Provision in Section 274o of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.
2. Commission Voting Record on SECY-12-0042	5/18/12	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-12-0073	5/16/12	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending May 11, 2012.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station).
2. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, notice of 595th meeting (06/06-08/2012).
3. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station).
4. 10 CFR Part 50; PRM-50-105; In-core Thermocouples at Different Elevations and Radial Positions in Reactor Core.