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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 22, 2012

Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2012, Final Rule; 10 CFR Parts 170 and 171 (RIN 3150-AJ03; NRC-2011-0207)

On June 15, 2012, the NRC published a final rule in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 35809) amending the licensing, inspection, and annual fees charged to its applicants and licensees. The amendments are necessary to implement the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, as amended, which requires the NRC to recover through fees approximately 90 percent of its budget authority in fiscal year (FY) 2012, not including amounts appropriated for Waste Incidental to Reprocessing and amounts appropriated for generic homeland security activities. Based on the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012, signed by President Obama on December 23, 2011, the NRC's required fee recovery amount for the FY 2012 budget is \$1,038.1 million. After accounting for billing adjustments, the total amount to be billed as fees to licensees is \$901 million. This final rule is effective on August 14, 2012.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 22, 2012

Arrivals		
Hiletework, Hellina	Student Intern	OIS
Kraemer, Robert	Student Intern	OIS
Pham, Daniel	Student Intern	OIS
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Wilson, Gerald	Senior Project Engineer	R-II

Office of Information Services (OIS)
Items of Interest
Week Ending June 22, 2012

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period
of June 15, 2012 - June 21, 2012:

Leak in safety injection/refueling water tank at Palisades Nuclear Power Plant, April 23, 2012 - June 14, 2012.	FOIA/PA-2012-0258
All internal email correspondence possessed by named NRC employee concerning October 21, 2003 shutdown at Callaway Plant.	FOIA/PA-2012-0259
All personal records acquired by NRC regarding a named individual.	FOIA/PA-2012-0260
All correspondence between Senator Robert Menendez and the NRC since January 1, 2007.	FOIA/PA-2012-0261
All records related to named individual, including radiation surveys, training records, and certifications.	FOIA/PA-2012-0262
University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR), all records relating to asbestos mitigation, asbestos abatements and asbestos testing 1970-1980.	FOIA/PA-2012-0263
Any and all related to named individual.	FOIA/PA-2012-0264
Any and all regarding Entergy Indian Point Lighting Investigation; any and all pertaining to allegations made by named individuals.	FOIA/PA-2012-0265
Halliburton Industrial Services, Inc former material license 35-00502-05 issued February 18, 1983.	FOIA/PA-2012-0266
Correspondence between NRC and Willard Mitt Romney and named entities, January 2005 - June 20, 2012.	FOIA/PA-2012-0267

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Tracking Nuclear Material Subject to the US/EURATOM Agreement for Peaceful Nuclear Cooperation

On June 21, 2012, staff from the Material Control and Account Branch met with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to discuss the tracking of nuclear material within the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM). Several months ago, EURATOM posed several questions to DOE concerning the documentation and tracking of certain nuclear material. The NRC staff shared information concerning how the nuclear material produced through the irradiation of low-enriched uranium fuel elements is tracked by the U.S. and provided a recommendation to DOE on how to track the nuclear material produced through the irradiation of the mix-oxide fuel element. DOE staff will use this information in preparing a reply to the EURATOM questions.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
Items of Interest
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RES Withdraws Regulatory Guide (RG) 7.3, "Procedures for Picking up and Receiving Packages of Radioactive Material"

On June 15, 2012, the staff published a *Federal Register* Notice (77 FR 36017) announcing the withdrawal of RG 7.3 titled "Procedures for Picking up and Receiving Packages of Radioactive Material." The RG provides guidance to licensees for making arrangements for receipt, pickup, and monitoring of packages containing radioactive material, and reporting when received packages show evidence of leakage or excessive radiation levels. The NRC is withdrawing RG 7.3 because the information contained in this RG has been incorporated into revision 1 of RG 7.7, "Administrative Guide for Verifying Compliance with Packaging Requirement for Shipment and Receipt of Radioactive Material." Revision 1 of RG 7.7 was finalized in March 2012 and announced in the *Federal Register* on March 28, 2012 (77 FR 18872).

RES Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1277, "Initial Test Program of Emergency Core Cooling Systems for Boiling-Water Reactors"

On June 15, 2012, the staff issued DG-1277, "Initial Test Program of Emergency Core Cooling Systems for Boiling-Water Reactors" to provide the public an opportunity to comment on proposed New Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1277. This guide describes methods that the NRC staff considers acceptable to implement Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities" (10 CFR Part 50), Appendix A, "General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants," with regard to initial testing features of ECCSs for boiling-water reactors (BWRs). The draft regulatory guide 1277 is on-line at: <http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML1135/ML113550182.pdf>.

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

The Massachusetts Attorney General's appeal of the Pilgrim nuclear plant's (MA) operating license renewal.

The updates on the repair work to a motor for one of the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant's (VT) reactor recirculation pumps.

The NRC's evaluation report regarding FENOC's root cause analysis of the shield building cracks at the Davis-Besse nuclear plant (OH).

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following activities:

- Local media interview at public meeting at the San Onofre nuclear plant (CA) to discuss the Augmented Inspection team's preliminary findings.
- Chairman Jaczko interviews with the Cleveland Plain Dealer and WKSU radio to discuss the chairman's visit to the Perry nuclear plant (OH).
- Annual assessment meetings for both the Crystal River (FL) and Brunswick nuclear plants (NC), and facilitated interviews with the local reporters.

OPA issued blog posts:

- NRC Creates a Vendor Inspection Center of Expertise.
- Radioactive Rumor Mill Doesn't Help Anyone.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
12-075	NRC Issues Final Licensing, Inspection and Annual Fees Rule for Fiscal Year 2012 (6/19/2012).
12-074	NRC Approves Increased Power Output for Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant (6/18/2012).
Regions:	
II-12-044	NRC Issues Order to Tennessee Valley Authority Regarding Falsified Documents During Watts Bar Unit 2 Construction (6/19/2012).
III-12-023	NRC Concludes its Review of FENOC'S Root Cause Analysis of Davis-Besse Shield Building Cracks (6/21/2012).

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-12-0081	6/6/12	Risk-Informed Regulatory Framework for New Reactors
Information Papers		
1. SECY-123-0085	6/21/12	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending June 15, 2012
Memoranda		
1. M120615	6/21/12	Joint Meeting of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on Grid Reliability

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Senator Barbara Boxer, dated June 11, 2012, responds to letter request for documents related to the safety of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences (AO); Fiscal Year 2011; Dissemination of Information [NRC-2012-0128].
2. License Renewal Application for Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation.
3. Revised Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the Subcommittee on U.S. Advanced Pressurized Power Reactors, notice of meeting (07/09/2012).
4. ACRS, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Radiation Protection and Nuclear Materials - ACRS, notice of meeting (07/10/2012).
5. ACRS, notice of 596th meeting (07/11-13/2012).
6. Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI), notice of meeting (09/20-21/2012).