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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Furniture, Ergonomic Equipment, and Furniture Support Services

On July 16, 2012, as a result of a noncompetitive Federal Supply Schedule solicitation, a Blanket Purchase Agreement (No. NRC-HQ-12-A-10-0014) was awarded to Price Modern, LLC. of Baltimore, MD. The contractor will provide systems furniture, ergonomic equipment and furniture support services for NRC headquarters locations. The period of performance is July 22, 2012, to July 21, 2013, with four 1-year option periods. The total estimated cost is \$4,301,985.45, inclusive of all options.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
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Arrivals		
Arel-Davis, Madeleine	Administrative Assistant	R-IV
Gennardo, David	Fire Protection Engineer (NSPDP)	RES
Martinez, Nancy	Physical Scientist (NSPDP)	NRR
Niedzielski-Eichner, Phillip	Chief of Staff	COMM
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Furstenau, Dana	Student Management Analyst	OIG
Marston, Keisha	IT Specialist (INFOSEC)	CSO
Navarro Alicea, Carlos	Reactor Systems Engineer	RES
Reddick, Darani	Deputy Chief of Staff/Legal Counsel	COMM
Richardson, Jerry	Secretary	CFO
Sakai, Stacie	Branch Chief	NRR
Walston, Christopher	Contract Specialist	ADM
Wilson, Jerry	Senior Policy Analyst	NRO
Wright, Lisa Gibney	Security Specialist	NSIR

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of July 13, 2012 - July 19, 2012:

All documentation regarding case file 4-2009-017 on named individual	FOIA/PA-2012-0282
SECY-78-604, Advises Commission of Completion of NRC/EPA Task Force Report on Emergency Planning (NUREG-0396) & of upcoming briefing	FOIA/PA-2012-0283
Any and all documents related to OI-4-2011-017	FOIA/PA-2012-0284
Certificate of Compliance for the SH-F2 source holder manufactured by the Ohmart Corporation	FOIA/PA-2012-0285

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Indian Point License Amendments Issued

On July 12, 2012, staff issued license amendments approving a newly-designed spent fuel transfer system at Indian Point. Starting in August, spent fuel assemblies will be transferred via a shielded transfer canister in a borated water environment from the Unit 3 to the Unit 2 spent fuel pool (SFP) prior to ultimate storage at the common Indian Point independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI). With the Unit 3 SFP virtually full, the licensee is currently unable to perform either a full core offload or the next refueling outage scheduled for March 2013.

Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1, Extended Power Uprate (EPU)

On July 18, 2012, staff approved an increase in the maximum steady-state power level at Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 from 3,898 megawatts thermal (MWt) to 4,408 MWt, which is approximately a 13-percent increase in thermal power over the previous licensed thermal power and a 15-percent total increase over the original licensed thermal power (3,833 MWt). The staff determined that the licensee could safely increase the reactor's output primarily by changing the core design and upgrading certain balance-of-plant components, such as replacing the steam dryer, high-pressure turbine, and reactor feed pump turbine rotor. The power uprate will increase the unit's generating capacity by approximately 200 megawatts electric. The licensee plans to implement the EPU over the next few months.

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

The extreme [hot](#) temperatures and the impact [on](#) nuclear plants on the Eastern Seaboard; including, the power reduction at the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant (VT) due to high river temperature and low flow.

The Augmented Inspection Team's preliminary findings at the San Onofre nuclear plant (CA).

The Indian Point nuclear plant (NY) recent supplement to the license renewal application's environmental impact statement.

The recent manual shut down of the Limerick nuclear plant (PA) due to a transformer electrical fault.

The National Academies of Science Fukushima study.

The recent problems at the Oyster Creek nuclear plant's (NJ) emergency sirens.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following activities:

- Participated in a taped interview with WSJM news radio on the independent safety culture assessment at the Palisades nuclear plant (MI).
- Live interview at the Rockford television station to discuss the Byron nuclear plant's (IL) annual assessment meeting.
- The Fort Calhoun nuclear plant's (NE) 0350 public meeting and including local reporter questions on the status of NRC's actions and increased oversight at the plant.

OPA issued blog posts:

- NRC Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response celebrates 10 years.
- What happens when you submit a Freedom of Information Act Request to the NRC?

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
12-085	NRC Approves Increased Power Output for Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 (7/19/2012).
12-084	NRC to Discuss Implementing Orders for Post-Fukushima Improvements July 27 in Rockville, MD (7/18/2012).
Regions:	
I-12-032	NRC Assigns New Resident Inspector to Oyster Creek Nuclear Plant (7/17/2012).
II-12-048	NRC Schedules Public Meeting to Discuss Mox Facility (7/16/2012).
II-12-049	NRC Schedules Regulatory Conference to Discuss Apparent Violation at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (7/16/2012).
III-12-031	NRC Schedules July 26 Open House to Discuss Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant Performance and NRC Oversight (7/19/2012).
III-12-030	NRC Issues Confirmatory Action Letter to Palisades Nuclear Power Plant (7/17/2012).
IV-12-028	NRC Issues Augmented Inspection Team Report on San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Steam Generators (7/19/2012).
IV-12-027	NRC to Hold Open House for South Texas Project License Renewal (7/17/2012).

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-12-0088	6/25/2012	The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Cyber Security Roadmap
2. SECY-12-0074	5/21/2012	Scheduling a Follow-Up Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) Mission in the United States
3. SECY-12-0098	7/20/2012	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending July 13, 2012
Memoranda		
1. M120607C	07/16/2012	Staff Requirements – Meeting with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, 9:30 A.M., Thursday, June 7, 2012, Commissioners’ Conference Room, OWFN, Rockville, Maryland

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congressman Edward Markey, dated July 12, 2012, responds to letter to NRC regarding NRC's commitments to undertake safety and improvements by NRC licensees.
2. Letter to Congress and the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO), dated July 11, 2012, responds and provides NRC responses to recommendations made in GAO report entitled, “Nuclear Regulation: NRC’s Oversight of Nuclear Power Reactors’ Decommissioning Funds Could Be Further Strengthened” (GAO-12-258).
3. Letter to Congressman Edward Markey, dated July 11, 2012, responds to letter regarding the recent GAO report entitled, “Nuclear Regulation: NRC’s Oversight of Nuclear Power Reactors’ Decommissioning Funds Could Be Further Strengthened” (GAO-12-0258).

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Final Rule entitled Requirements for Distribution of Byproduct Material (RIN 3150-AH91) 10 CFR Parts 30, 31, 32, 40 and 70.