INFORMATION REPORT

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For: The Commissioners

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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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Speech Enhancement Services

On September 19, 2012, as a result of a small business set-aside competitive solicitation, a firm-fixed-price contract (NRC-HQ-12-C-38-0098) was awarded to Speech Potential Associates of Gaithersburg, MD. This contract will provide speech pathology services as it relates to accent reduction, accent modification, and English for Speakers of other Languages. The period of performance is September 28, 2012 to September 27, 2013, with four 1-year option periods. The total cost is $628,716, inclusive of all options.

Small Business Technical Support Services

On September 24, 2012, as a result of a non-competitive 8(a) solicitation, a labor-hour contract (NRC-HQ-12-C-27-0120) was awarded to CoreSphere, LLC. of Potomac, MD. The contractor will provide small business technical support services to the Office of Small Business and Civil Rights. The period of performance is September 28, 2012 to September 27, 2013, with two 1-year option periods. The total cost of the contract is $335,701.60, inclusive of all options.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
Items of Interest
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Arrivals		
None		
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Eser, Jonathan	LAW CLERK	ASLBP
Rathbun, Howard	MATERIALS ENGINEER	RES
Tesfaye, Getachew	SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	NRO
Weaver, Douglas	DIRECTOR, DIV OF SPENT FUEL STORAGE & TRANSPORATION	NMSS

Office of the Information Services (OIS)
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Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)

On October 4, 2012, staff from Information and Records Services Division attended a working group meeting at the Controlled Unclassified Information Office (CUIO), National Archives and Records Administration. Discussion continued on the proposed policy for safeguarding, dissemination, and decontrol of CUI, which the CUIO consolidated into one draft document. Whether "CUI Basic" should be encrypted in emails was also discussed. Although many agencies already encrypt sensitive emails, the consensus was that the level of effort, financial and technical resources, and complexity of requiring encryption was not worth the additional security to be gained, i.e., the risk of loss of CUI was not significant enough to justify the expense and changes to business practices. The CUIO agreed to write the policy so that it encourages encryption as a best practice but will not require it. This is a change from the initial proposal that all CUI would require encryption when emailed. After much discussion, the CUIO also stated that they will try to include reasonable details but does not reduce agency flexibilities in implementation. The next working group meeting will be on October 17, 2012.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of October 05, 2012- October 11, 2012:

Any records regarding violations, enforcement, inspection, compliance, civil penalties on St. Louis Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program in North St. Louis County and Westlake Landfill	FOIA/PA-2013-0004
Request for copy of the bid tabulations for Bid # RFQ661564	FOIA/PA-2013-0005
Foreign Nationals access to US Nuclear Power Plants within past 5 years	FOIA/PA-2013-0006
NRC buildings that have electricity meters that record interval data of kilowatt hours from 6/1/11-6/1/12	FOIA/PA-2013-0007
Letter from NRC staff, Lawrence Criscione to Chairman Alison Macfarlane regarding Nuclear plant vulnerabilities to flooding	FOIA/PA-2013-0008
Copies of 2011 premium class travel reports for NRC	FOIA/PA-2013-0009

Office of New Reactors (NRO)
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Public Meeting on Financial Qualifications for Merchant Plants

On October 11, 2012, NRO and NRR hosted a category 3 public meeting to explore financial qualifications for merchant plant Combined License (COL) applicants. These plants are required to demonstrate financial qualification under 10 CFR 50.33(f) before a COL can be issued. Some industry stakeholders characterize this is a “chicken and egg” conundrum since they believe they cannot obtain financing until after the COL has been issued. Presentations were made by finance professionals and one merchant plant COL applicant – Nuclear Innovation North America, who has proposed a license condition to resolve the issue. Comments were received from other merchant plant applicants, potential small modular reactor applicants, and NEI. The industry view is that this issue is a generic one and that the NRC should take it up as a policy matter for resolution. The Nuclear Energy Institue has offered to propose options for consideration. The staff will be gathering additional information and conducting more outreach to inform resolution of this issue.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
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Meeting with South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company

On October 10, 2012, representatives of South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) and the staff met to discuss the licensee's risk-informed approach for resolving Generic Safety Issue No. 191 (GSI-191), "Assessment of Debris Accumulation on PWR [Pressurized-Water Reactor] Sump Performance," regarding South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2. This was the 15th pre-licensing meeting with the licensee regarding this matter.

Pre-licensing Meeting with South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company

On October 11, 2012, representatives of STPNOC and the staff met to discuss the licensee's plans to submit an amendment request for approval of the revised fire protection program related to the alternate shutdown capability presently documented in the Fire Hazards Analysis for South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2.

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

The evidentiary hearing of the Indian Point nuclear plant's (NY) license renewal application

The minor defects found during inspections of the Beaver Valley (PA) nuclear plant unit 2 reactor vessel head

The issuance of license to GE-Hitachi for the Global Laser Enrichment facility

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following activities:

- OPA Region I conducted a long interview providing a reporter an in-depth tutorial with staff on the New York State Agreement program.
- OPA Region IV staff coordinated a press conference the day before a public meeting in California to discuss issues at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (CA). Following the public meeting, OPA responded to local media**.**

OPA Social Media ítems:

Blog:

- Nuclear Regulators Security Conference Registration Now Open
- New YouTube Video Shows NRC's Inspection of the Davis-Besse New Reactor Head and Shield Building
- Indian Point Issues Get Their Day in Court

YouTube:

- NRC's Inspection of the Davis-Besse New Reactor Head and Shield Building

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
12-109	NRC Invites Nominations for the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (10/09)
12-110	Licensing Board to Hold Hearing Oct. 31 on Proposed Nuclear Power Plant in Levy County, FL (10/10)
12-111	Margaret M. Doane Named NRC General Counsel (10/11)
12-112	Additional NRC Analysis Confirms Earthquake Safety at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (10/12)

Regions:	
I-12-039	NRC to Meet with PPL Regarding Performance Improvements at Susquehanna Nuclear Power Plant (10/09)
II-12-059	NRC Names Resident Inspector for Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 2 Construction Activities (10/11)
11-12-060	NRC to Increase Oversight of Catawba Nuclear Power Plant (10/12)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. Staff Requirements Memoranda on SECY-12-0091	10/9/12	Completeness and Quality of Integrated Safety Analyses
2. Commission Voting Record on SECY-12-0091	10/9/12	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-12-0128	9/25/12	Annual Review of the Lessons-Learned Program
2. SECY-12-0138	10/10/12	Weekly Information Report – Week ending September 28, 2012
3. SECY-12-0129	9/27/12	Stakeholder Feedback Regarding Emergency Preparedness Rule Implementation
Memoranda		
M121012	10/12/12	Staff Requirements -- Affirmation Session, 9:00 A.M., Friday, October 12, 2012, Commissioners' Conference Room, One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland