

INFORMATION REPORT

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For: The Commissioners

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November 30, 2012

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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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Retrospective Review Under Executive Order 13579: Plan for Retrospective Analysis of Existing Rules; Request for Comment; 10 CFR Chapter 1 (NRC-2011-0246)

On November 23, 2012, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 70123) a draft Plan for the retrospective analysis of the NRC's existing regulations. The draft Plan describes the processes and activities that the NRC uses to determine whether any of its regulations should be modified, streamlined, expanded, or repealed. This action is part of the NRC's voluntary implementation of Executive Order 13579, "Regulation and Independent Regulatory Agencies," issued by the President on July 11, 2011. The NRC has requested public comment on the draft Plan. Comments must be submitted by February 6, 2013.

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ENCLOSURE A

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
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Arrivals		
Averbach, Andrew	SOLICITOR	OGC
Gallagher, Robert	HEALTH PHYSICIST	R-I
Miller, John	HEALTH PHYSICIST	R-I
Young, Ann	CONSULTANT	ASLBP
Retirements		
Adelstein, Patricia	SR. INSTRUCTIONAL SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	OCHCO
Cordes, John	SOLICITOR & DIR. COMM APPELLATE ADJUD	OGC
Kemerer, Myron	BRANCH CHIEF	IS
Randall, John	SR RELIABILITY & RISK ENGINEER	RES
Ulie, Joseph	SR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR (TASK LEADER)	OI
Young, Ann	ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE (LEGAL)	ASLBP
Departures		
Maldonado, Militza	SECRETARY (OA)	R-II
Patterson, Janice	TECHNICAL TRAINING ADM ASSISTANT	OCHCO

Office of the Information Services (OIS)
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Controlled Unclassified Information

On November 29, 2012, staff from the Information and Records Services Division attended a working group meeting at the Controlled Unclassified Information Office, National Archives and Records Administration. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss comments received concerning the marking and consolidated guidance drafts. The discussions regarding marking included whether portion markings should be required, marking placement, marking length, and the requirement for multiple marking types for each level. The discussion regarding the consolidated drafts included storage, challenges, electronic considerations, waivers, dissemination, and decontrol.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of November 23 – November 29, 2012:

Records related to NuScale Power	FOIA/PA-2013-0042
Copy of NRCHQ12C100001 and specifics	FOIA/PA-2013-0043
List of all entities in New Jersey licensed by the NRC to possess Tritium (H-3), including Curie limit of their licenses	FOIA/PA-2013-0044

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Public Meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute on National Fire Protection Association Standard 805

On November 29, 2012, the staff held a public meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute representatives to discuss issues requiring management attention related to National Fire Protection Association Standard 805.

Public Meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute on Probabilistic Risk Assessment

On November 30, 2012, the staff held a public meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute and industry representatives to discuss questions related to fire probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) methods. Electrical panel fire methods and the prioritization of fire PRA methods were discussed.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
Items of Interest
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Publication of Regulatory Guide 1.92, "Combining Modal Responses and Spatial Components in Seismic Response Analysis"

November 19, 2012, the staff announced release of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.92, Rev. 3 as an administratively changed guide in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 69509). RG 1.92 provides guidance that the NRC staff considers acceptable for combining modal responses and spatial components in seismic response analysis of nuclear power plant structures, systems, and components important to safety. Changes from the previous version were editorial, with no substantive change in the Staff Regulatory Guidance. Among the changes in text were the footnote on the first page, the Congressional Review Act language at the end of the Introduction on page two, and the Implementation Section (pages 17 and 18). RG 1.92 is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/rg/>.

Standards Development Organizations Meeting

Staff from RES participated in a meeting of the Nuclear Energy Standards Coordination Collaborative on November 29, 2012, at the American National Standard Institute Headquarters in Washington, DC. This meeting is a joint initiative with the Department of Energy to identify and develop standards to meet the needs of the nuclear industry. The Regulatory Guide Development Branch (RGDB) in RES gave a presentation on the NRC's process for reviewing and endorsing standards.

In addition, RGDB and the Japan Lessons Learned Directorate held a public meeting on Friday, November 30, 2012 with the American Nuclear Society, representatives of other Standards Development Organizations (SDOs), and industry stakeholders to assess whether the SDOs could develop standards to facilitate addressing lessons learned from the Fukushima Dai-ichi event, principally Tier 3 activities.

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

The pinhole leak on a reactor vessel head cooldown system at Oyster Creek (NJ) nuclear plant

The status of the Indian Point (NY) nuclear plant license renewal and the impact of regulations on water withdrawals

The license amendment request for Urenco enrichment facility (NM)

The public meetings in California regarding the seismic environment around Diablo Canyon (CA) nuclear plant

The discovery of coolant in lubricating oil for an emergency diesel at San Onofre (CA) Nuclear Generating Station, and Southern California Edison's response to the Confirmatory Action Letter

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA supported the following activities:

- An interview by an Inside NRC reporter with staff from the Office Nuclear Reactor Regulation regarding fire protection
- An interview by KVOE-radio in Emporia, KS. with Region IV public affairs staff regarding the Dec. 10, 2012 Wolf Creek (KS) nuclear plant public meeting

OPA Social Media Items

Blog:

- The Mystery of the Atomic Energy Commission Trowel — Part I
- The Mystery of the Trowel – Solved

Press Releases	
Regions	
I-12-046	NRC to Hold Public Meeting, Open House on Dec. 11, 2012 to Update Public on Reviews of Concrete Degradation at Seabrook Nuclear Plant (11/29/12)
IV-12-052	NRC to Meet With Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Co. (11/29/12)
II-12-067	NRC Schedules Meeting with FPL to Discuss Application for New Nuclear Units at the Turkey Point Site (11/29/12)

II-12-066	NRC Schedules Meeting With TVA to Discuss Supplemental Inspections at Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant (11/28/12)
II-12-065	NRC Schedules Meeting With TVA to Discuss Flood Mitigation Strategies at Sequoyah and Watts Bar Nuclear Power Plants (11/27/12)
IV-12-051	NRC to Hold Meeting With Entergy Operations, Inc at Its Region IV Offices (11/26/12)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM on SECY-12-0047	11/28/12	Revisions to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Enforcement Policy
2. Commission Voting Record on SECY-12-0047	11/28/12	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-12-0153	11/9/12	Status of the Decommissioning Program-2012 Annual Report
2. SECY-12-0158	11/29/12	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending November 16, 2012

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congress and the General Accounting Office (GAO), dated November 19, 2012, responds to GAO report, “Organizational Transformation: Enterprise Architecture Value Needs to be Measured and Reported” (GAO-12-791).
2. Letter to The President, Congress, and GAO, dated November 16, 2012, provides NRC's FY 2012 Performance and Accountability Report.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Reconstitution, Tennessee Valley Authority (Watts Bar, Unit 2), Docket No. 50-391-OL, ASLBP No. 09-893-01-OL-BD01.
2. Crow Butte Resources, Inc. License SUA-1534, License Amendment to Construct and Operate Marsland Expansion Area, Docket No. 040-08943; NRC-2012-0281.