

INFORMATION REPORT

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December 21, 2012

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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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Long-Term Cooling and Unattended Water Makeup of Spent Fuel Pools; 10 CFR Part 50; PRM-50-96; (NRC-2011-0069)

On December 18, 2012, the NRC published a document in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 74788) stating that the NRC will consider the issues raised in a petition for rulemaking (PRM) submitted by Thomas Popik (the petitioner) on behalf of the Foundation for Resilient Societies in the NRC's rulemaking process. The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations to require facilities licensed by the NRC to assure long-term cooling and unattended water makeup of spent fuel pools. The NRC determined that its current regulations do not require power reactor licensees to undertake mitigating efforts for prolonged grid failure scenarios that could be caused by geomagnetically-induced current resulting from an extreme solar storm. The NRC will review and analyze the underlying technical and policy issues relevant to the PRM through a phased rulemaking process. If this review results in the development of a regulatory basis sufficient for a proposed rule, then a proposed rule will be prepared for publication and public comment. If a regulatory basis sufficient for a proposed rule is not feasible, then a supplemental *Federal Register* notice explaining this result will be published.

Rescinding Spent Fuel Pool Exclusion Regulations; 10 CFR Part 51 PRM-51-29; NRC-2012-0215)

On December 19, 2012, the NRC published a document in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 75065) noticing receipt of a petition for rulemaking (PRM) submitted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the petitioner) requesting the NRC rescind its regulations excluding consideration of spent fuel pool storage impacts from license renewal environmental review. The petition was filed on June 2, 2011, with the NRC's Atomic Safety Licensing Board (ASLB) in conjunction with a request for a waiver of the NRC's spent fuel pool exclusion regulations. The petitioner requested that, if the ASLB rejected the Commonwealth's waiver petition, the NRC initiate a rulemaking. On November 28, 2011, the ASLB denied the Commonwealth's waiver petition, and on March 8, 2012, in a Commission Memorandum and Order, the PRM was referred to NRC staff. The NRC is not requesting public comment period on this petition at this time.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
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Arrivals		
None		
Retirements		
Sulima, John	PROJECT MANAGER	NMSS
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 December 14, 2012 – December 20, 2012:

Records related to an inquiry by the Office of Investigation related to decommissioning funds of named corporation	FOIA/PA-2013-0066
Documents on Thorium processing plant in West Chicago and usage	FOIA/PA-2013-0067
Copies of named SECY documents	FOIA/PA-2013-0068
Records on named individual	FOIA/PA-2013-0069

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

Information posted on the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (CA) website listing tentative schedule milestones for a decision regarding the restart of unit 2, the meeting with Southern California Edison to discuss technical issues

Meeting to discuss Oconee nuclear plant's (SC) transition to the National Fire Protection Association standard, the joint letter to Congress regarding flooding analyses at the plant

The shutdowns at Susquehanna nuclear plant (PA)

The history of the Indian Point nuclear plant (NY) and issues regarding a natural gas pipeline passing through the plant's owner-controlled area

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following activities:

An interview by an Associated Press reporter with regional staff regarding licensing operators on AP 1000 units at Vogtle (GA) and Summer (SC) nuclear plants

An interview by Platts with staff regarding activities related to reprocessing spent fuel

A photo shoot by Japan Life magazine of regional NRC staff in the incident response center

OPA Social Media items:

Blog

- A Visit to Japan: Reflections from the Chairman
- Recapping a Year's Worth of Fukushima-Related Work
- NRC Receives Honor for Supporting Vets

Press Releases	
Headquarters	
12-130	Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Denies Citizens Oversight's Request for Hearing on San Onofre License Amendment (12/21/12)
12-129	NRC to Further Examine Solar Flare Issues Raised in Rulemaking Petition (12/18/12)
12-128	NRC Seeks Public Comment on Draft Environmental Report for South Texas Project Nuclear Plant License Renewal (12/18/12)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM on SECY-12-0064	12/17/12	Recommendations for Policy and Technical Direction to Revise Radiation Protection Regulations and Guidance
2. Commission Voting Record on SECY-12-0064	12/17/12	Same

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Advanced Boiling Water Reactor, notice of meeting (01/16/2013, 1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.).