

# INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Administration (ADM)  
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Retrievability, Cladding Integrity and Safe Handling of Spent Fuel at an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation and During Transportation; Request for Comments for Potential Rulemaking; 10 CFR Parts 71 and 72 (NRC-2013-0004)

On January 17, 2013, the NRC published a document in the *Federal Register* (78 FR 3853) requesting comments on integration of storage and transport regulations. Currently, the regulations for packaging and transport of spent fuel are separate from requirements for storage of spent nuclear fuel. Because of this separation, there is no requirement that loaded storage casks also meet transportation requirements. The integration of the regulations could enable a more predictable transition from storage to transport by potentially minimizing future handling and uncertainty regarding transport. The NRC staff is reviewing the potential policy issues and requirements related to retrievability, cladding integrity, and safe handling of spent fuel as the lead issue for evaluating compatibility of storage and transportation regulations. As part of this evaluation, the NRC is requesting comment. The public comment period closes on March 18, 2013.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)  
Items of Interest  
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<b>Arrivals</b>		
None		
<b>Retirements</b>		
None		
<b>Departures</b>		
Andrews, Susan	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-II

Office of New Reactors (NRO)  
Items of Interest  
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Staff Issues Final Environmental Impact Statement for Fermi Combined License Application

On January 10, 2012, the NRC staff submitted the Fermi 3 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A *Federal Register* Notice was published on January 16, 2013, by the NRC (78 FR 3470) and separately by the EPA. The NRC concluded in the FEIS that there are no environmental impacts that would preclude issuing the combined licenses for construction and operation of the proposed reactors at the Fermi site. The NRC developed the Fermi FEIS jointly with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District. The Corps will use the document's information in considering its federal permit decision in accordance with the Clean Water Act and Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

NRC and Department of Energy Meeting on Advanced Reactor Issues

On January 15, 2012, the NRC and Department of Energy (DOE) held their quarterly meeting focused on new reactor technology. The items discussed included: an update on the Light Water Reactor Sustainability Program; Small Modular Reactor topics focused on the Licensing Technical Support Program and possible conflicts of interest involving the National Laboratories; an update on the Next Generation Nuclear Power Plant; a discussion on reprocessing of fuel; and the need for the development of a Regulatory Framework for Advanced Reactor designs. The next meeting is expected to take place at DOE facilities during April or May 2013.

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)  
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Public Meeting on the Financial Qualification Requirements in 10 CFR Part 50

On January 8, 2013, staff held a public meeting seeking stakeholder input on the financial qualification (FQ) requirements in 10 CFR Part 50 as applied to merchant plant combined license applicants. Participants at the Category 2 meeting made presentations on the potential application of license conditions to address FQ requirements, project finance issues, including the application of Department of Energy (DOE) loan guarantees, NRC's legal authority for requiring FQs, and the nexus between nuclear safety and FQ requirements. Staff will consider comments and information gathered at the meeting in preparing a Commission paper to address potential options for addressing FQ requirements for power reactor applicants.

Pre-licensing Meeting with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

On January 15, 2013, the staff held a pre-licensing public meeting with PG&E to discuss the licensee's plans to submit an amendment to revise its emergency diesel generator technical specification surveillance requirements for Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Units 1 and 2. PG&E representatives previously discussed these plans during a public meeting on August 7, 2012.

Public Meetings Related to the License Renewal Process for South Texas

On January 15, 2013, the staff conducted two meetings to discuss the preliminary findings of its review and to solicit public comments concerning the draft Supplement 48 to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants regarding South Texas Project (STP). Approximately 30 people attended the two meetings, including members of the public, local citizen organizations, representatives of STP Nuclear Operating Company (the applicant), and the local newspaper. The comment period for the public to submit comments regarding the draft environmental impact statement for STP license renewal application ends on February 22, 2013.

Public Meeting on Reactor Oversight Process

On January 17, 2013, staff conducted a Category 2 public meeting with the industry and staff on Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) topics. Group participants discussed performance assessment issues, reactor inspection issues, operating experience issues, potential changes to performance indicator guidance, and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

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

The Friends of the Earth 2.206 petition against San Onofre plant (CA) formation of a special oversight panel

The status of Perry plant (OH) regarding its performance in Column 3

The plan to install a station blackout diesel generator at Vermont Yankee plant (VT)

The Chairman's trip to San Onofre and Diablo Canyon plants (CA)

The results of South Texas Project's (TX) environmental review

Post-Sandy inspection at Oyster Creek plant (NJ); letter sent about a control room operator candidate

The Special Inspection at Susquehanna plant (PA)

Unplanned shutdown at Pilgrim plant (MA)

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following activities:

- An AP interview with the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs on possible uranium recovery in Virginia
- An interview by a Wall Street Journal reporter about decommissioning funding
- A recorded interview with Free Speech Public Radio on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals court ruling concerning Indian Point (NY)
- Correction of Greenwire story about the process for restart authorization at San Onofre (CA)
- An interview between Platts and NRC staff regarding proposed changes to the emergency core cooling requirement
- Creation of a web page focused on Japan Lessons Learned

OPA Social Media Items:

**Blog:**

- NRC Forms Special San Onofre Review Panel
- Improving Communication at the NRC
- Force-on-Force or Was That a Gunfight at a Nuclear Power Plant?

**YouTube:**

- NRC Commission Briefing on Venting Systems for BWR Mark I and Mark II Containment Designs

<b>Press Releases</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b>	
<a href="#">13-004</a>	NRC Seeks Public Comment on Possible Changes to Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage and Transportation Regulatory Framework (01/17/2013)
<b>Regions:</b>	
<a href="#">III-13-002</a>	The NRC Will Keep Perry Nuclear Power Plant in Current Performance Column (01/18/2013)
<a href="#">IV-13-002</a>	NRC to Discuss Preliminary Results of Inspection for Grand Gulf Nuclear Plant License Renewal Application (01/17/2013)
<a href="#">II-13-002</a>	NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant(1/15/2013)
<a href="#">II-13-001</a>	NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant (01/15/2013)
<a href="#">I-13-002</a>	NRC Starts Special Inspection at Susquehanna Nuclear Plant to Evaluate Issues Regarding Unit 2 Unplanned Shutdown(1/14/2013)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)  
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
<b>Decision Documents</b>		
1. <a href="#">SECY-13-0001</a>	12/31/12	Staff Recommendations for Improving the Integration of the Ongoing 10 CFR Part 61 Rulemaking Initiatives
<b>Information Papers</b>		
<a href="#">SECY-13-0009</a>	1/17/13	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending January 4, 2013

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures – notice of meeting (2/6/2013, 12pm – 1pm).
2. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Plant Operations and Fire Protection – notice of meeting (2/6/2013, 1pm – 5pm).
3. Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Considerations and Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information [Docket Nos. 50-348 and 50-364; NRC-2012-0309].
4. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, Charliisa C. Smith (Denial of Senior Reactor Operator License), Docket No. 55-23694-SP.

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