

INFORMATION REPORT

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For: The Commissioners

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March 8, 2013

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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
Week Ending March 8, 2013

Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2013; Proposed Rule; 10 CFR Parts 170 and 171 (RIN 3150-AJ19; NRC-2012-0211)

On March 7, 2013, the NRC published a proposed rule in the *Federal Register* (78 FR 14880) to amend the licensing, inspection, and annual fees charged to its applicants and licensees. The proposed amendments were necessary to implement the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, as amended, which requires the NRC to recover through fees approximately 90 percent of its budget authority in fiscal year (FY) 2013, not including amounts appropriated for Waste Incidental to Reprocessing, and amounts appropriated for generic homeland security activities. The NRC is currently operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR) which is set to expire on March 27, 2013. Based on the FY 2013 budget submitted to the Congress, the NRC is proposing fees in this rulemaking based on the FY 2013 budget which is estimated to be \$1,053.2 million. After accounting for billing adjustments, the total amount to be billed as fees is approximately \$924.8 million. These fees are subject to change pending congressional action, which may include sequestration, full-year CR or issuance of an FY 2013 appropriation which differs from the FY 2013 budget submitted to Congress, and could result in higher or lower fees than those proposed in the rulemaking. The comment period on the proposed rule closes on April 8, 2013.

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Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
 Items of Interest
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Arrivals		
ANAGNOSTOPOULOS, HAROLD	HEALTH PHYSICIST	R-I
ANAND, RAJ	FOIA TECH REVIEWER - REACTOR ENGINEER	IS
BROWN, NATALIE	FOIA TECH REVIEWER - FOIA SPECIALIST	IS
BRYANT, KENNETH	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	NMSS
HERBERT, TIANA	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	NRR
NALLE, WILLIAM	COUNTERINTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST	NSIR
POPE, LISA	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	NRR
RAPHAEL , MARY JEAN	FOIA SPECIALIST	IS
SCHOENBORN, MICHAEL	FACILITIES MANAGER	OCHCO
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
GREENWALD, COURTNEY	DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNICATIONS	COMM
MATLACK, HEATHER	RECORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE ASSISTANT	NRO

Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental
Management Programs (FSME)
Item of Interest
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Public Meeting in Phoenix, AZ

On March 1, 2013, NRC staff held a Category 2 public meeting in Phoenix, AZ, to gather comments on the proposed revision to NUREG/BR-0204, "Instructions for Completing NRC's Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest." Revision of this guidance document supports staff's work in developing a proposed rule on 10 Code of Federal Regulations Part 61, "Licensing Requirements for Land Disposal of Radioactive Waste." The workshop was held immediately following the 2013 Waste Management Symposia, and was broadcast as a webinar and facilitated bridge line, to maximize participation by members of the public.

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
 Items of Interest Week
 Week Ending March 08, 2013

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of March 01, 2013 – March 07, 2013:

List of all licensees holding a Radioactive Materials License in the U.S.	FOIA/PA-2013-0152
Copy of recording concerning Office of Inspector General Investigation 2013-001 on 1/17/13	FOIA/PA-2013-0153
Allegation NSIR-A-0010, All records	FOIA/PA-2013-0154
Material Licensing Tracking System (MLTS) Database information for Harris County and Fort Bend County, TX	FOIA/PA-2013-0155
Records regarding contract NRC-DR3310324	FOIA/PA-2013-0156
Records regarding uranium mining and uranium enrichment facilities in Sellersville, PA, from early 1900s through present	FOIA/PA-2013-0157
FBI Investigation regarding the Numec-Apollo matter referenced in a June 13, 1978, memorandum	FOIA/PA-2013-0158
E-mails between Southern California Edison and NRC regarding San Onofre from January 1, 2012, to Present	FOIA/PA-2013-0159
Any correspondence, to, from or on behalf of U.S. Senator Tom Udall between 1990 and February 25, 2013	FOIA/PA-2013-0160
Presentation by Director, Waste Management and Environmental Protection, titled "Update on NRC Low-Level Waste Regulatory Initiatives"	FOIA/PA-2013-0161
Any Partial and/or Final Responses to FOIA/PA 2012-0327	FOIA/PA-2013-0162
Incoming FOIA/PA requests for FOIA/PA 2012-0321, FOIA/PA 2012-0322, FOIA/PA 2012-0323, FOIA/PA 2012-0325 and FOIA/PA 2012-0327	FOIA/PA-2013-0163
Any Partial and/or Final Responses to FOIA/PA 2012-0321	FOIA/PA-2013-0164
Any Partial and/or Final Responses to FOIA/PA 2012-0322	FOIA/PA-2013-0165
Any Partial and/or Final Responses to FOIA/PA 2012-0323	FOIA/PA-2013-0166
Any Partial and/or Final Responses to FOIA/PA 2012-0325	FOIA/PA-2013-0167
Documents related to two facilitated focus group meetings conducted by NRC's Division of License Renewal (DLR)	FOIA/PA-2013-0168
NRC's 1982 report, titled "Radiological Survey of the West Lake Landfill," complete analysis of radioactive materials	FOIA/PA-2013-0169

Office of New Reactors (NRO)
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Schedule letter issued to AREVA

On March 5, 2013, NRC staff notified AREVA, NP, Inc. (AREVA) of a change to the U.S. Evolutionary Power Reactor (EPR) Design Certification application public milestone schedule. The target date for the completion of the rulemaking has been changed from December 2014 to June 2015. The schedule change principally resulted from additional review effort needed in the areas of Fuel Seismic Mechanical Assembly and Seismic Margin analyses.

Letter issued for Turkey Point combined license application

On February 27, 2013, NRC staff issued a letter to Florida Power and Light Company suspending the alternative sites section of the environmental review for the Turkey Point Units 6 & 7 combined license application. The letter states that the NRC cannot complete its environmental impact statement until the technical issues related to the alternative sites are resolved, and that the environmental review schedule will continue to be delayed.

Schedule change issued for U.S. Advanced Pressurized Water Reactor (US-APWR) design certification review

On February 28, 2013, NRC staff notified Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) of a change to the US-APWR Design Certification application review schedule. The revision extends the Final Safety Evaluation Report schedule by six months, from March 2015 to September 2015, with a target date of February 2016 for completion of the rulemaking. The schedule change principally resulted from additional review effort associated with changes to both the plant configuration and the seismic analysis methodologies.

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Geomagnetic Disturbance (GMD) Task Force Phase 2 Meeting

On February 25-27, 2013, staff attended a GMD Task Force Phase 2 meeting hosted by North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) in Atlanta, GA. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues related to electric grid challenges as a result of GMD and degradation of large power transformers. During this meeting, the task force members discussed developing tools required for industry transmission system planners, preparing GMD mitigation strategies, developing guidance for transmission system operators to manage GMD impacts, strategies to promote education and information exchanges between researchers and industry, and enhancing NERC Reliability Standards. Industry experts from various utilities, electric equipment manufacturers, the Electric Power Research Institute, and various Universities that have experience with geo-magnetically induced current as a result of geomagnetic storms and solar flares participated and provided technical input. Federal entities such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of Energy, and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission participated in this meeting.

Staff Meeting with Non-Destructive Examination Improvement Focus Group (NIFG)

On February 28, 2013, the staff met with industry personnel for the NIFG to discuss industry actions stemming from the North Anna non-destructive examination event in March 2012. At this meeting, the NIFG provided a status of actions taken. The staff provided comments on the site specific mockup guidance and the hands on practice guidance during the meeting.

Office of Public Affairs (OPA)
Items of Interest
Week Ending March 8, 2013

OPA received significant media inquiries on the following:

Shutdown at Fitzpatrick plant (NY)

A relief valve leakage at Pilgrim plant (MA)

Anniversary of Fukushima and NRC's lessons learned

NRC's nuclear plant Annual Assessment letters

The sequester

Redacted root cause analysis on the SONGS plant (CA) steam generators

Annual Report by the Union of Concerned Scientists

A preliminary white finding in emergency preparedness at Kewaunee Plant (WI)

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following activities:

- Radio interview regarding a webinar about pressurized thermal shock

OPA Social Media Items:

Blog:

- Two Important Reports about Steam Generators at SONGS Go Public
- NRC's 25th Regulatory Information Conference Kicks Off Next Week; A Look Back at Its History Goes Live Today
- Melting Ice with the Peaceful Atom: The NRC and the End of the Cold War

YouTube:

- Moments in NRC History: Regulatory Information Conference -- 25 Years

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
13-014	NRC Announces Hearing Opportunity on License Renewal Application for Sequoyah Nuclear Power Plant (03/07/2013)
13-013	NRC Issues Annual Assessments for Nation's Nuclear Plants (03/07/2013)
13-012	NRC Seeks Public Comment on FY 2013 Proposed Fee Rule (03/07/2013)

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Regions:	
<u>IV-13-007</u>	NRC to Hold Public Meeting to Discuss Fort Calhoun Nuclear Plant (03/07/2013)
<u>III-13-006</u>	NRC to Discuss Pressurized Thermal Shock Basics for Palisades; Webinar to be Held March 19 (03/07/2013)
<u>II-13-007</u>	NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Farley Nuclear Plant Safety Performance (03/07/2013)
<u>III-13-005</u>	NRC Schedules Regulatory Conference to Discuss Apparent Violation at Kewaunee Nuclear Station (03/04/2013)

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)

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Documents Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. COMSECY-13-0002	1/25/13	Consolidation of Japan Lessons Learned Near-Term Task Force Recommendations 4 and 7 Regulatory Activities
2. SRM on COMSECY-13-0024	3/4/13	Consolidation of Japan Lessons Learned Near-Term Task Force Recommendations 4 and 7 Regulatory Activities
3. Commission Voting Record on CMSY13-0002	3/4/13	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-13-0020	2/14/13	Third 6-Month Status Update on Response to Lessons Learned from Japan's March 11, 2011, Great Tohoku Earthquake and Subsequent Tsunami
2. SECY-13-0026	3/7/13	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending March 1, 2013
Memoranda		
1. SRM-M130131B	3/5/13	Briefing on Public Participation on NRC Regulatory Decision-Making
2. SRM-M130220B	3/8/13	Briefing on Uranium Recovery

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Senator Frank Lautenberg, dated February 27, 2013, responds to concerns regarding the safety of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station following Hurricane Sandy.

Federal Register Notices Issued

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1. Notice of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Reconstitution, Charlissa C. Smith (Denial of Senior Reactor Operator License), Docket No. 55-23694-SP, ASLBP No. 13-925-01-SP-BD01.

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