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March 22, 2013

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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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Physical Protection of Byproduct Material: Final Rule and Guidance; 10 CFR Parts 20, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 51, 71, and 73 (RIN 3150-A112; NRC-2008-0120 (Rule) and NRC-2010-0194 (Guidance))

On March 19, 2013, the NRC published a final rule in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 16922](#)), effective May 20, 2013, amending its regulations to establish security requirements for the use and transport of category 1 and category 2 quantities of radioactive material. Category 1 and category 2 thresholds are based on the quantities established by the International Atomic Energy Agency in its Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources, which the NRC endorses. The objective of this final rule is to provide reasonable assurance of preventing the theft or diversion of category 1 and category 2 quantities of radioactive material. The rule also considers a petition for rulemaking (PRM-71-13) submitted by the State of Washington that requested that the NRC adopt the use of global positioning satellite tracking as a national requirement for vehicles transporting highly radioactive mobile or portable radioactive devices. The NRC also issued an implementation guidance document associated with this final rule in this document.

List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: MAGNASTOR[®] System; 10 CFR Part 72 (RIN 3150-AJ22; NRC-2012-0308)

On March 18, 2013, the NRC published a direct final rule in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 16601](#)), effective June 3, 2013, amending its spent fuel storage cask regulations by revising the NAC International, Inc. MAGNASTOR[®] System listing within the "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks" to include Amendment No. 3 to Certificate of Compliance No. 1031. The companion proposed rule was also published on March 18, 2013 ([78 FR 16619](#)). The confirmation of effective date for this direct final rule will be published in the *Federal Register* at a later date.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
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Arrivals		
BEATON, ROBERT	REACTOR ENGINEER/SCIENTIST	RES
BUNCH, ROBERT	SECURITY SPECIALIST	NSIR
CARNEAL, JASON	MECHANICAL ENGINEER	NRR
ELLIOTT, TAMEKA	PROGRAM ANALYST	CFO
LIDELL, MICHAEL	IT SPECIALIST INFOSEC	IS
PACHOL, DARYL	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-II
SPRINGS, CHANEL	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	NMSS
WARREN , ROBERTA	FOIA TECHNICAL REVIEWER - SR. PROJECT	IS
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
None		

Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)
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Publication of Final Rule: Part 37 “Physical Protection of Byproduct Material

On March 19, 2013, the final rule on the “Physical Protection of Byproduct Material,” commonly referred to as the Part 37 rule, was published in the *Federal Register*. The rule will be effective on May 20, 2013, and the compliance date will be March 19, 2014, which means that licensees will not implement the final rule until March 19, 2014. The rule codifies the security requirements for category 1 and category 2 quantities of radioactive material. Agreement States will have until March 19, 2016, to establish compatible requirements.

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

On March 21, 2013, staff from the Office of Information Services attended a working group meeting at the Controlled Unclassified Information Office (CUIO), National Archives and Records Administration. The purpose of the meeting was to continue discussions on the proposed policy for safeguarding, dissemination, and decontrol of controlled unclassified information (CUI). The CUI Executive Agent (EA) has asked each agency to designate a Senior Agency Official and Program Manager for their CUI Program by April 30, 2013. The draft policy will be circulated once more for comments before finalization and submission to Office of Management and Budget for publication in the Federal Register. The CUIO estimates dispatching the final draft to agencies in late May/early June, with comments due in July 2013. The EA estimates publication of the final policy in the *Code of Federal Registry* in February/March 2014. This is a change from the earlier estimated date of November 2013. A CUI Implementation Management Council is being established to develop the implementation planning framework for the new CUI policy, and the EA is encouraging agencies to begin discussions on their individual implementation plans.

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Public Meeting on Neutron Absorbing Materials

On March 14, 2013 the staff held a public meeting on neutron absorbing materials in spent fuel pools. The purpose of the meeting was for staff to dialogue with the nuclear industry vendors on relevant information pertaining to neutron absorbing materials. Neutron absorbers are important because many licensees credit them for maintaining sub-criticality in their spent fuel pools. At the meeting, the vendors gave presentations on more recently developed neutron absorbing materials for spent fuel pool applications. In particular, the vendors presented information on various topics such as: manufacturing processes, quality controls, testing, and material properties.

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

Southern California Edison's announcement considering seeking a license amendment to support the restart of Unit 2

Status of Vermont Yankee plant

Commission's decision regarding filtered vents for Mark I, II and Boiling Water Reactors, Mark I/II plant venting systems and rulemaking on filtration strategies

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following activities:

- Asked for a correction by The Hill and Fox News
- Facilitated an Interview on the technical aspects of pressurized thermal shock

OPA Social Media Items:

Blog:

- NRC's Waste Confidence Scoping Report: What's It All About?
- Taking an Updated Look at a Potential Accident's Economic Consequences
- NRC Commission Approves More Post-Fukushima Upgrades to Nuclear Plants
- Inspector General Report Identifies Ways to Improve NRC's Occupational Training Program

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
13-018	NRC Seeks Public Comment on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Ross Uranium Recovery Project (03/21/2013)
13-017	NRC Amends Regulations on Security of Radioactive Materials (03/19/2013)
13-016	NRC to Enhance Post-Fukushima Vent Requirements, Broaden Analysis of Filtering Strategies (03/19/2013)
Regions:	
II-13-008	NRC Schedules Meeting with Tennessee Valley Authority to Discuss Use of Commercial Parts in its Operating Nuclear Plants (03/22/2013)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM on SECY-12-0157	3/19/13	Consideration of Additional Requirements for Containment Venting Systems for Boiling Water Reactors with Mark I and Mark II Containments
Commission Voting Record on SECY-12-0157	3/19/13	(same)
2. SRM on SECY-12-0110	3/20/13	Consideration of Economic Consequences Within The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Regulatory Framework
Commission Voting Record on SECY-12-0110	3/20/13	(same)
3. SRM on SECY-12-0160	3/22/13	Proposed Rule: Petition for Rulemaking Process (RIN 3150-A130); Expanded Authority of Executive Director for Operations to Deny Petitions for Rulemaking Under Management Directive 6.3
Commission Voting Record on SECY-12-0160	3/22/13	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-13-0028	3/21/13	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending March 15, 2013

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Radiation Protection and Nuclear Materials, notice of meeting (04/09/2013, 8:30am – 12pm).
2. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Future Plant Designs, notice of meeting (04/09/2013, 10am – 5pm).
3. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Fukushima, notice of meeting (04/10/2013, 8:30am – 12pm).
4. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures, notice of meeting (04/10/2013, 12pm – 1pm).

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5. Request to Amend a License to Export High-Enriched Uranium, U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, XSNM3622/02, 11006024.
6. ACRS, notice of 603rd meeting (04/11-12/2013).

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