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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Technical Support Services for Safety Review Medical Isotope Part 50 Application

On April 16, 2013, as a result of a competitive negotiated acquisition under a U.S. General Services Administration Federal Supply Schedule, a labor-hour, time and materials, blanket purchase agreement (NRC-HQ-13-A-03-0011) was awarded to Information Systems Laboratories, Inc., of Rockville, MD. This blanket purchase agreement will provide technical support services for safety review medical isotope Part 50 application. The period of performance is from April 16, 2013, to April 15, 2014, with four 1-year option periods. The total value of the contract is \$4,695,509.

Technical Assistance to Verify Compliance

On April 21, 2013, as a result of a competitive negotiated acquisition, a labor-hour indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity type contract (NRC-HQ-13-C-03-0039) was awarded to Mega-Tech Services, LLC, of Mechanicsville, VA. This contract will provide technical expertise on a task ordering basis, to assist the staff in evaluation of overall integrated plans, development of safety evaluations and verification of strategies and guidance. The period of performance is from April 21, 2013, to April 20, 2018, with no option periods. The total value of the contract is \$2,541,550.64.

Personnel Access Authorization Requirements for Nuclear Power Plants; Petition for Rulemaking; Notice of Receipt and Request for Comments; 10 CFR Part 73 (PRM-73-16; NRC-2013-0024)

On April 22, 2013, the NRC published a notice of receipt and request for comment for a petition for rulemaking (PRM) in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 23684](#)). The PRM was filed by Ellen C. Ginsberg on behalf of the Nuclear Energy Institute (the petitioner) on January 25, 2013. The PRM was docketed by the NRC on February 4, 2013, and assigned Docket No. PRM-73-16. The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its regulations to limit the scope of third-party review of licensee decisions denying or revoking an employee's unescorted access at their facility. The petitioner seeks to ensure that such decisions cannot be overturned by any third party. The petitioner also requests an expedited review of this petition based on pending arbitration cases that will be affected by the NRC action on this petition. The NRC has determined that the petition should be expedited due to the aforementioned pending arbitration cases, and therefore, is limiting the public comment period to 45 days. Public comments are due by June 6, 2013.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of April 19, 2013 – April 25, 2013:

Impact of the Sequestration on the NRC Office of Inspector General	FOIA/PA-2013-0215
Copy of full Office of Investigations (OI) report concerning investigation into the allegation of an inattentive shift supervisor at Entergy's Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant in 2004/2005	FOIA/PA-2013-0216
Any final NRC OIG investigatory reports regarding alleged misconduct in NRC's Office of the General Counsel between 2009-2012	FOIA/PA-2013-0217
Copy of written response or letter from NRC to a Congressional Committee in 2012 and 2013	FOIA/PA-2013-0218
Copy of original operation license for Unit 1 and Unit 2 for Catawba Nuclear Station	FOIA/PA-2013-0219
Specific details associated with OI Case No 2-2012-027	FOIA/PA-2013-0220
All documents related to the complaint against named company made by named individual between January 2009 and December 2011	FOIA/PA-2013-0221
All documents related to all allegations and complaints made by named individual on all dates, except for complaints made against named company	FOIA/PA-2013-0222
All FOIA requests and correspondence from January 1, 2009 to present regarding named entities	FOIA/PA-2013-0223
Any correspondence to, from, or on behalf of U.S. Congressman Phil Gingrey between 1993 to 1997, and 1999 to present	FOIA/PA-2013-0224
Any correspondence to, from, or on behalf of U.S. Congressman Jack Kingston between 1985 to present	FOIA/PA-2013-0225
A listing of sites kept in the Material Licensing Tracking Systems database	FOIA/PA-2013-0226

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Dominion Announces Change to Technology for the North Anna Site

By letter dated April 25, 2013, Dominion Virginia Power (Dominion) notified the NRC of a revision to its technology selection and has selected the General Electric-Hitachi (GEH) ESBWR technology for the North Anna 3 project. To reflect the technology selection, Dominion plans to submit a revised North Anna Unit 3 Combined License (COL) application to the NRC in July 2013. The current North Anna 3 COL application references the Mitsubishi US APWR design.

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Callaway Plant, Unit 1 License Renewal Safety Evaluation Report with Open Items

On April 23, 2013, staff issued the Safety Evaluation Report (SER) with Open Items related to the Callaway Plant, Unit 1 (Callaway) license renewal application. By letter dated December 15, 2011, Union Electric Company, doing business as Ameren Missouri, submitted an application requesting the extension of the Callaway operating license for an additional 20 years. The SER contains five open items related to: (a) scoping of systems structures and components required for compliance with 10 CFR 50.48, "Fire Protection," (b) adequacy of the applicant's Reactor Head Closure Stud Bolting Program to manage the aging effects for the closure bolting at locations with missing threads or stuck studs, (c) the applicant's commitment to submit an inspection plan for the Callaway reactor vessel internal components and additional activities to resolve applicant/licensee action items for the Electric Power Research Institute Materials Reliability Program methodology, (d) the discrepancy between counting results for the number of American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code Class 1 small-bore socket welds, and (e) the applicant approach to address effects of the reactor coolant system environment on fatigue life of piping and components. The staff is scheduled to meet with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee on May 22, 2013, to discuss the Callaway SER with Open Items.

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

Sen. Bob Casey's, D-Pa., response to the Government Accountability Office report on power plant safety

NRC Commission briefing on Fukushima Lessons Learned

Upcoming regulatory conference with Summer plant (SC)

Security event at Watts Bar plant (TN)

Regulatory conference regarding Watts Bar and Sequoyah plants (TN)

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following activities:

- Interview with a Russellville radio station about Arkansas Nuclear One plant's (AR) upcoming Augmented Inspection
- Interview with a Houston radio station regarding South Texas Project plant's (TX) return to full power

OPA Social Media Items:

Blog:

- Q&A With NRC Kids: Radiation and Other Questions
- Let's Chat – Coming Soon to the NRC

YouTube:

- NRC Public Meeting to Discuss Updates on Japan Lessons Learned: April 23, 2013
- Q&As with NRC Kids: Radiation and Other Questions

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
13-033	NRC Meeting in Rockville, Md., May 8 to Discuss Cumulative Effects of Regulation (04/24/2013)
13-032	New Social Media Platform – NRC Chat – to be Unveiled on April 30 (04/23/2013)
Regions:	
III-13-014	NRC Begins Special Inspection at LaSalle Nuclear Plant (04/26/2013)
IV-13-012	NRC to Hold Public Meeting to Discuss Results of Augmented Inspection at Arkansas Nuclear One (04/26/2013)
II-13-028	NRC Schedules Meeting in Paducah to Discuss USEC Gaseous Diffusion Facility

	(04/25/2013)
II-13-027	NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Crystal River Nuclear Power Plant (04/23/2013)
II-13-026	NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Annual Assessment of McGuire Nuclear Power Plant (04/23/2013)
II-13-025	NRC Schedules Regulatory Conference to Discuss Apparent Construction Violation at New Summer Nuclear Units (04/22/2013)
II-13-024	NRC Schedules Open House And Presentation to Discuss Annual Assessment of Sequoyah Nuclear Power Plant (04/22/2013)
II-13-023	NRC Schedules Meeting in Rock Hill to Discuss Annual Assessment of Catawba Nuclear Power Plant (04/21/2013)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-13-0037	4/5/13	Reactor Oversight Process Self-Assessment for Calendar Year 2012
2. SECY-13-0043	4/19/13	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending April 12, 2013
3. SECY-13-0038	4/8/13	Fiscal Year 2012 Results of the Industry Trends Program for Operating Power Reactors
4. SECY-13-0046	4/25/13	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending April 19, 2013

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Senator Barbara Boxer, Ron Wyden, Dianne Feinstein, Richard Durbin, Charles Schumer, Patrick Leahy, Robert Menendez, Bernard Sanders, Frank Lautenberg, Jeff Merkley, Kirsten Gillibrand, and Elizabeth Warren, dated April 16, 2013, expresses that the NRC promptly take the next important steps to protect the 31 similarly designed U.S. nuclear reactors, following the tragedy at Fukushima almost two years ago.
2. Letter to Congressman Edward Markey, Henry Waxman, Nita Lowey, Elijah Cummings, Eliot Engel, dated April 16, 2013, requests and urges the Commission to vote to adopt the recommendations of the NRC staff and require that all nuclear reactors that utilize a Mark I and Mark II boiling water reactor design in the U.S. install filters on their hardened containment vents.
3. Letter to Senators David Vitter, Jeff Sessions, James Inhofe, Mike Crapo, John Boozman, John Barrasso, Roger Wicker, dated April 16, 2013, responds to concerns regarding ongoing regulatory analyses arising from the Fukushima accident.
4. Letter to Congressman Lou Barletta, dated April 12, 2013, responds to questions regarding NRC space in regards to reducing costs associated with Federal real estate and improving space utilization by Federal agencies.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Proposed rule. 10 CFR Part 2, Revisions to the Petition for Rulemaking Process.
2. Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes, notice of meeting (06/18/2013).