

INFORMATION REPORT

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For: The Commissioners

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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Verbatim Reporting Services

On May 31, 2013, as a result of a competitive small business set-aside, a requirements contract (NRC-HQ-13-C-21-0045) was awarded to Neal R. Gross & Co. of Washington, DC. The contractor will provide verbatim reporting services to the NRC. The period of performance is from June 11, 2013 to June 10, 2014, with four one-year option periods. The total value of the contract, including all options, is \$3,709,639.

Consideration of Rulemaking to Address Prompt Remediation of Residual Radioactivity During Operations; Advance Notice of Proposed Rule; 10 CFR Part 20 (NRC-2011-0162)

On June 3, 2013, the NRC published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 33008](#)) announcing a public Webinar and requesting comments from the public, licensees, Agreement States, non-Agreement States, and other stakeholders. The potential rulemaking will address prompt remediation of residual radioactivity during the operational phase of licensed material sites and nuclear reactors. The NRC has not initiated a rulemaking, but is gathering information and seeking stakeholder input to develop a technical basis document. The NRC held a public Webinar to facilitate the public and stakeholder's understanding of the issues and submission of comments. The public Webinar was held in Rockville, Maryland, on June 4, 2013, from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Public comments are due by August 2, 2013.

Distribution of Source Material to Exempt Persons and to General Licensees and Revision of General License and Exemptions: NUREG; Issuance; 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, 70, 170, and 171 (RIN 3150-AH15; NRC-2011-0003)

On June 5, 2013, the NRC published interim staff guidance for implementation of the final rule, Distribution of Source Material to Exempt Persons and to General Licensees and Revision of General License and Exemptions, in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 33691](#)). The Distribution of Source Material Rule amended the NRC's regulations to require that the initial distribution of source material to exempt persons or to general licensees be explicitly authorized by a specific license. The Distribution of Source Material Rule also modified the existing possession and use requirements of the general license for smaller quantities of source material and revised, clarified, or deleted certain source material exemptions from licensing. The interim staff guidance will become effective on August 27, 2013.

Nuclear Proliferation Assessment in Licensing Process for Enrichment or Reprocessing Facilities; Petition for Rulemaking; Denial; 10 CFR Part 70 (PRM-70-9; NRC-2010-0372)

On June 6, 2013, the NRC published a denial of a PRM in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 33995](#)) submitted by the American Physical Society (the petitioner). The petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations to require that each applicant for an enrichment or reprocessing facility license include an assessment of the proliferation risks that construction and operation of the proposed facility might pose. The NRC is also responding to comments received from interested members of the public. After review of the petition and comments, the NRC has closed the docket for the petition (PRM-70-9).

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
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Arrivals		
CAMACHO BONAPARTE, YAEL	STUDENT IT ASSISTANT	CSO
Retirements		
BELLAMY, RONALD	BRANCH CHIEF	R-I
Departures		
None		

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received
During the Period of May 31, 2013 - June 06, 2013:

Copy of last registration for general license registration number GL-704857-15	FOIA/PA-2013-0252
Records of named Office of Investigations investigations	FOIA/PA-2013-0253
All Department of Justice and White House memos addressing the referral of agency documents to the White House in response to any document requests	FOIA/PA-2013-0254
Direct correspondence between NRC and Michael McFadden (January 2006-present), Lazard Middle Market LLC (January 2007-present), and Goldsmith Agio Helms (January 2006-January 2008)	FOIA/PA-2013-0255

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Public Meeting Regarding ASME Code

On June 4, 2013, staff met with industry personnel associated with the Performance Demonstration Initiative to discuss issues associated with the implementation of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code), Section XI, Appendix VIII. Topics included an update of current and planned ASME Code related activities, related rulemaking efforts, team scanning, and other topics related to ultrasonic testing.

Industry Meeting on Material-Related Issues

On June 5-7, 2013, staff met with industry personnel to discuss material-related issues in the primary systems of power plants. Technical discussions regarding both pressurized water reactor and boiling water reactor materials programs and issues were held, including updates from each of the industry sponsored materials programs. The staff provided perspectives on non-destructive examination techniques, intergranular stress corrosion cracking, reactor vessel internal examinations, and weld residual stress, among other topics.

Order for Pre-emption Authority for Weapons

On June 5, 2013, the staff issued an order to certain licensees designating them as eligible to apply for preemption authority under Section 161A of the Atomic Energy Act (AEA) of 1954, as amended. Section 161A confers upon the Commission the authority to permit security personnel at Commission-designated facilities to possess and use firearms and large-capacity ammunition feeding devices notwithstanding local, State, and certain Federal firearms laws that prohibit their possession and use. The order follows notification on May 31, 2013, by letter to the affected States regarding the NRC's intent to issue the order. This designation order does not grant preemption authority; however it does provide a process through which the licensee of a designated facility may apply for preemption authority.

Order for Reliable Hardened Containment Vents for Boiling Water Reactors with Mark I and Mark II Containments

On June 6, 2013, the staff issued Order EA-13-109, which rescinds the requirements of Order EA-12-050 (issued in March 2012) and replaces them with new requirements that include capabilities for venting during severe accident conditions. Severe accident conditions include the elevated temperatures, pressures, radiation levels, and combustible gas concentrations, such as hydrogen and carbon monoxide, associated with accidents involving extensive core damage, including accidents involving a breach of the reactor vessel by molten core debris. Order EA-13-109 will ensure that this additional severe accident venting capability is provided while also achieving, with minimal delays, the purpose of EA-12-050 - to provide a reliable hardened containment vent system (HCVS) to control containment pressure and prevent core damage following the loss of heat removal functions. The staff is scheduling a series of public meetings to engage stakeholders on developing guidance for implementation of this Order.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Publication of Regulatory Guide 2.3, "Quality Verification for Plate-Type Uranium-Aluminum Fuel Elements for Use in Research and Test Reactors"

On June 3, 2013, the staff announced in the *Federal Register* the availability of Regulatory Guide (RG) 2.3 titled "Quality Verification for Plate-Type Uranium-Aluminum Fuel Elements for Use in Research and Test Reactors" (78 FR 33132). The previous revision (Revision 1) to RG 2.3, issued in July 1976, endorsed the guidance provided in the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) N398-1974, "Quality Verification for Plate-Type Uranium-Aluminum Fuel Elements," which has been superseded. This revision (Revision 2) to RG 2.3 endorses the latest guidance in ANSI/ANS-15.2-1999 (R2009), "Quality Control for Plate-Type Uranium-Aluminum Fuel Elements" to be applied to research and test reactors. ANSI/ANS-15.2-1999 (R2009) provides general guidance for establishing a program that verifies the quality of plate-type uranium-aluminum fuel elements. RG 2.3 is available in the NRC's Agency Wide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at ML12160A492.

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

- Permanent shutdown of San Onofre plant (CA)
- Seepage in control room at Palisades plant (MI)
- FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company announcement of those responsible for the goldfish prank at Perry plant (OH)
- Pre-emption authority for the use of firearms at plants prohibited by state and local laws
- Order revising requirements for reliable hardened vents at Boiling Water Reactors Mark I and II
- Senator Barbara Boxer's request for SONGS (CA) documents
- Upcoming meeting to discuss Harris Plant's (NC) reactor vessel head nozzle repair
- Entergy's response regarding apparent violations involving Pilgrim plant (MA) control room operators; dry cask storage at plant
- Upcoming flooding walkdowns at Hope Creek plant (NJ), Millstone plant (CT), and Salem plant (NJ)

OPA Social Media Items:

Blog:

- Today's SONGS Announcement: Now What?
- Let's Chat - What Are Your Thoughts?
- Before the Browns Ferry Fire: Antiquated Notions That Electricity and Water Didn't Mix

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
13-049	NRC Issues Final Environmental Impact Statement For Watts Bar Unit 2 Operating License (06/07/2013)
13-048	NRC Issues Enhanced Requirements For Post-Fukushima Venting Systems at Many U.S. Reactors (06/06/2013)
13-047	NRC Issues Order Designating 10 Facilities Eligible for Weapons Pre-Emption Authority (06/05/2013)
13-046	NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Appoints New Members (06/04/2013)
13-045	NRC Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Revisions to Policy Statements on Agreement State Programs (06/03/2013)
Regions:	
II-13-042	NRC Increases Oversight of Sequoyah Nuclear Plant for Flood-Related Violations (06/05/2013)
II-13-041	NRC Increases Oversight of Watts Bar Nuclear Plant for Flood-Related Violations (06/05/2013)
II-13-040	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss Reactor Vessel Repair at Harris Nuclear Plant (06/04/2013)

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III-13-022	NRC Will Hold an Open House June 11 on Quad Cities Nuclear Power Plant 2012 Performance (06/03/2013)
III-13-021	NRC Will Hold a June 11 Open House on Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant 2012 Performance (06/03/2013)

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-13-0058	06/06/2013	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending May 24, 2013
2. SECY-13-0059	06/07/2013	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending May 31, 2013

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Governors Jerry Brown; Martin O'Malley; Andrew Cuomo; and Robert McDonnell, dated May 31, 2013, concerning interim action that will be taken to designate a limited class of NRC-licensed facilities that are eligible to apply to the Commission for preemption authority under Section 161A of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.
2. Letter to Dominic Mancini, Office of Management and Budget, dated May 31, 2013, providing the NRC's FY 2013 Regulatory Plan.
3. Letter to Congress, dated May 31, 2013, providing NRC's semiannual report on the status of licensing and other regulatory activities (October 2013 through March 2013).
4. Letter to Richard Ayres, dated May 24, 2013, responding to his letter requesting transparency in communication between Commissioners and licensees during the pendency of adjudicatory matters.
5. Letter to Representative Sam Graves, dated May 24, 2013, responding to his letter concerning information regarding the NRC's implementation of the recently revised Section 15(k) of the Small Business Act.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Materials, Metallurgy & Reactor Fuels, notice of meeting (06/17/2013, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm).
2. 10 CFR Part 70; Nuclear Proliferation Assessment in Licensing Process for Enrichment or Reprocessing Facilities; Petition for Rulemaking; Denial [Docket No. PRM-70-9; NRC-2010-0372].

3. 10 CFR Part 50; Submitting Complete and Accurate Information; Petition for Rulemaking; Acceptance, Docketing, and Request for Comments [Docket No. PRM-50-107; NRC-2013-0077].
4. 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 - [NRC-2013-0106].

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