

INFORMATION REPORT

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For: The Commissioners

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Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
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Arrivals		
ALEDAN, OLEMEKU	STUDENT ENGINEER	FSME
FROST, ANNE	TECHNICAL INFORMATION SPECIALIST	OGC
KIRCHBAUM, KEVIN	FUEL FACILITY INSPECTOR	R-II
LIN, BRIAN	PROJECT ENGINEER RES INSP PROG	R-I
LISSE, NAOMI	STUDENT ENGINEER	NRR
SCHWAB, ALEXANDER	REACTOR ENGINEER NSPDP	R-III
SHULER, FATIMA	CONTRACT SPECIALIST	ADM
STETSON, KATHLEEN	SENIOR ASSISTANT FOR AUDIT OPERATIONS	OIG
STROBLE, IRADJ	PROJECT ENGINEER RI-DP	R-IV
VALLONE, VITO	FINANCIAL ASSISTANT STEP	IS
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
CONCEPCION ROBLES, MILTON	SENIOR ELECTRONICS ENGINEER	NRO
BROWN, MILTON	DEPUTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	CFO

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 June 7, 2013 - June 13, 2013:

Historical records of the performance measures for NRC programs	FOIA/PA-2013-0256
MLTS Database of active and retired facilities	FOIA/PA-2013-0257
Copy of OIG Investigation 12-077 closing memo	FOIA/PA-2013-0258
All emails from named individuals to anyone at NRC from April 1, 2011 to December 30, 2013	FOIA/PA-2013-0259
Copy of enclosures from ML100250867 containing grading results of facility employees that took test and their individual answer sheet	FOIA/PA-2013-0260
Request for copy of Second Quarter Operating Plan FY-2013	FOIA/PA-2013-0261
All documentation on named FOIA/PA cases in reference to Second Quarter Operating Plan FY-2013	FOIA/PA-2013-0262

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Meeting with Pacific Gas and Electric Company

On May 29, 2013, representatives of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) met with staff at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, MD. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss an amendment and responses to requests for additional information for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Units 1 and 2. The proposed amendment requested replacement of the process protection system portion of the Reactor Trip System and Engineered Safety Features Actuation Systems.

Meetings with Arizona Public Service Company

On May 29, 2013, a public conference call was held between representatives of Arizona Public Service Company and staff. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss an amendment request to eliminate the term CORE ALTERATIONS throughout the Technical Specifications for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generation Station, Units 1, 2, and 3.

Meetings with Arizona Public Service Company

On May 30, 2013 and June 6, 2013, public conference calls were held between the staff and representatives of Arizona Public Service Company. The purpose of the calls was to discuss the staff's draft requests for additional information relating to the licensee's submittal dated February 28, 2013, concerning the Overall Integrated Plan (OIP) for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3. The OIP was submitted to the NRC in response to the NRC order EA-12-049 for modifying licenses with mitigation strategies for beyond-design-basis external events.

Acceptance of License Renewal Application for Byron Nuclear Station and Braidwood Nuclear Station

On June 6, 2013, the staff completed its review for receipt and availability of the combined license renewal application (LRA) for Byron Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2 (Byron), and Braidwood Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2 (Braidwood). On May 29, 2013, the staff received the LRA from Exelon Generation Company, LLC, requesting the extension of the respective operating licenses for an additional 20 years beyond the current 40-year terms. The current operating licenses for Byron expire as follows: Unit 1 (NPF-37), on October 31, 2024, and Unit 2 (NPF-66), on November 6, 2026. The current operating licenses for Braidwood expire as follows: Unit 1 (NPF-72), on October 17, 2026, and Unit 2 (NPF-77), on December 18, 2027. All four units are pressurized-water reactors designed by Westinghouse. The staff's review as to the acceptability of the LRA for docketing is continuing. Acceptance of the LRA, which would be published in the *Federal Register*, would begin a 60-day opportunity for members of the public to file a request for hearing and/or petition to intervene.

Staff Meeting with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Staff

On June 10, 2013, staff participated in a quarterly meeting with FERC staff at their office in Washington, DC, to discuss issues of mutual interest related to grid reliability. Topics included the Geomagnetic Disturbance and the recent FERC orders; La Salle dual unit trip; Byron single-phase issue; Degraded grid protection and NRC inspection findings; Cyber Security; NERC 5-Year Review of NUC-001-2 Standard; Status of retired plants; and Coordination of information between both agencies.

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research Publication of Revision 4 of Regulatory Guide 1.68,
“Initial Test Programs for Water-Cooled Nuclear Power Plants”

On June 12, 2013, the staff published a *Federal Register* Notice (78 FR 35330) announcing the release of Revision 4 of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.68, “Initial Test Programs for Water-Cooled Nuclear Power Plants.” This RG is an umbrella guide that describes the general scope and depth the staff of the NRC considers acceptable for Initial Test Programs (ITPs) for light water cooled nuclear power plants. This revision includes new guidance for review of first-of-a-kind tests and design qualification tests for new design certifications and combined licenses using the requirements in 10 CFR Part 52, as well as preoperational, low-power, and power ascension tests, for new light water reactors. It also updates guidance which defines run-in or burn-in failures discovered during the ITP and coordinates the ITP guidance in Revision 2 of RG 1.68.1, “Initial Test Program of Condensate and Feedwater Systems for Light Water Reactors” and Revision 1 of RG 1.68.2, “Preoperational Testing of Instrument and Control Air Systems” which were issued earlier. Revision 4 of RG 1.68 is publically available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML13051A027.

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

- Preliminary yellow finding at Monticello (MN)
- Automatic scram at Hope Creek (NJ); leakage found from a crack in a vent line
- Update on Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel hearing about Indian Point's (NY) license renewal application; Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Indian Point
- Order regarding reliable hardened vents
- Restart of Beaver Valley (PA); Unusual Event at Beaver Valley
- Status of Fort Calhoun (NE)

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following activities:

- Interview concerning NRC activities post-Fukushima
- Interview about the seepage in the control room at Palisades (MI)
- Region III public affairs officers hosted an annual assessment open house for Davis-Besse (OH)
- Facilitated a discussion between Nuclear Reactor Regulation experts and a journalist regarding risk analysis
- Interview regarding NRC quality assurance and oversight of NRC plants

OPA Social Media Items:

Blog:

- Retracing the Steps of Post-Fukushima "Walkdowns"
- Do Not Fear Your Smoke Detector - It Could Save Your Life

YouTube:

- 2013 Fuel Cycle Information Exchange Keynote Address: NRC Chairman Macfarlane

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
13-051	NRC Announces Public Availability of License Renewal Application for Braidwood and Byron Nuclear Power Plants in Illinois (6/10/13)
13-050	NRC Seeks Public Comment on Foreign Ownership of Nuclear Power Plants; Public Meeting June 19th in Rockville, Maryland (6/10/13)
Regions:	
II-13-043	NRC Assigns New Senior Resident Inspector to Farley Nuclear Power Plant (6/11/13)

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-13-0062	6/13/13	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending June 7, 2013
Memoranda		
1. SRM-M130529	6/13/13	Briefing on Results of the Agency Action Review Meeting (AARM)

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congress and the Government Accountability Office, dated June 5, 2013, responds to the U.S. GAO Report, GAO-13-243, "Emergency Preparedness: NRC Needs to Better Understand Likely Public Response to Radiological Incidents at Nuclear Power Plants."

Federal Register Notices Issued

Revisions to Environmental Review for Renewal of Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses, RIN 3150-AI42; NRC-2008-0608.