

INFORMATION REPORT

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For: The Commissioners

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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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Services for NRC Issuances and Indexes

On June 7, 2013, as a result of a competitive small business set-aside solicitation, a requirements contract (NRC-HQ-13-C-10-0046) was awarded to Kelly & Dewitt, Inc. of Bethesda, MD. The contractor will provide services for the NRC Issuances and Indexes. The period of performance is from September 29, 2013 to September 28, 2014, with four one-year option periods. The total value of the contract, including all options, is \$637,327.00.

Advance Notification to Native American Tribes of Transportation of Certain Shipments of Nuclear Waste; Final Rule; Implementation; 10 CFR Parts 71 and 73 (RIN 3150-AG41; NRC-1999-0005)

On June 14, 2013, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 35746](#)) providing a link on the NRC's public Web site to a list of Tribal contacts and an interactive map of Tribal boundaries of participating Federally-recognized Tribes. NRC licensees are currently required to provide advance notice to participating Federally-recognized Tribal Governments regarding shipments of irradiated reactor fuel and certain nuclear wastes that pass within or across their reservations. Agreement State licensees will be required to provide advance notifications for certain shipments of radioactive material at the time the applicable Agreement State implements its requirements. The list will be published annually in the *Federal Register*. The rule was effective on June 14, 2013.

Revisions to Environmental Review for Renewal of Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses: Final Rule; 10 CFR Part 51 (RIN 3150-AI42; NRC-2008-0608)

On June 20, 2013, the NRC published a final rule in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 37281](#)) amending its environmental protection regulations by updating the Commission's 1996 findings on the environmental effect of renewing the operating license of a nuclear power plant. The final rule redefines the number and scope of the environmental impact issues that must be addressed by the NRC during license renewal environmental reviews. The final rule also incorporates lessons learned and knowledge gained from license renewal environmental reviews conducted by the NRC since 1996. The rule will be effective on July 22, 2013. In the same issue of the *Federal Register*, the NRC published two additional documents issuing (1) Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 4.2, Supplement 1, "Preparation of Environmental Reports for Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal Applications" ([78 FR 35746](#)); and (2) NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," and NUREG-1555, Supplement 1, "Standard Review Plans for Environmental Reviews for Nuclear Power Plants, Supplement 1: Operating License Renewal" ([78 FR 37325](#)). Each guidance document was effective on June 20, 2013.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
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Arrivals		
None		
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
BERKSHIRE, DOUGLAS	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INSPECTOR	R-II

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 14, 2013 - June 20, 2013:

Letters from Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company to NRC as listed, from August 28, 2002 to February 17, 2011 (ML022550037, ML042790408 and ML110601310)	FOIA/PA-2013-0263
Documents concerning ML13084A022 as listed	FOIA/PA-2013-0264
Information concerning ESA Section 7 consultation related to relicensing of the Columbia Generating Station Nuclear Power Plant in Benton County, Washington, and reporting required under existing operating license	FOIA/PA-2013-0265
Results of security background investigation of listed individual	FOIA/PA-2013-0266
Any records of potential environmental concerns at Cytogen Corporation and Laureate Biopharmaceutical	FOIA/PA-2013-0267

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Meeting with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

From June 3-5, 2013, staff participated in a meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Subcommittee 2 (the subcommittee for equipment qualification of electrical equipment). The staff participated in Working Group meetings for IEEE Std. 323 (environmental qualification of electrical equipment) and IEEE Std. 650 (Qualification of Battery Chargers), both of which are in the process of being updated. The staff also provided updates of regulatory activities involving environmental qualification of electrical equipment at nuclear power plants and post-Fukushima regulatory actions.

IEEE Stationary Battery Committee Meeting

From June 9-13, 2013, staff attended the Power Engineering Society's Stationary Battery Committee (SBC) of the IEEE in Kansas City, Missouri. Specifically, the staff assisted with the development of new revisions to IEEE standards related to stationary batteries, including IEEE Standard 535, "IEEE Standard for Qualification of Class 1E Lead Storage Batteries for Nuclear Power Generating Stations," IEEE Standard 946, "IEEE Recommended Practice for the Design of DC Auxiliary Power Systems for Generating Stations," IEEE Standard 1189, "IEEE Guide for Battery Selection," and the SBC's Harmonization Project to adopt the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) PE5 on the design of battery chargers. The staff also attended the IEEE SBC's Nuclear Power Working Group session and provided updates on operating reactors issues, such as Bulletin 2012-01, IN 2013-05, on battery aging margin, ongoing battery research, and Fukushima-related regulatory actions for operating and new reactors.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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RES Publication of Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.137, "Fuel Oil Systems for Emergency Power Supplies"

On June 17, 2013, the staff published a *Federal Register* Notice (78 FR 36278) announcing the issuance of Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.137, "Fuel Oil Systems for Emergency Power Supplies." Revision 2 of RG 1.137 endorses updated versions of consensus standards, specifically American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/American Nuclear Society (ANS) Standard 59.51-1997, "Fuel Oil Systems for Safety-Related Emergency Diesel Generators," (reaffirmed in October 2007), and American Society for Testing & Materials (ASTM) standard D975-13, "Standard Specification for Diesel Fuel Oils," with the exceptions stated in the regulatory positions. Both ANSI/ANS-59.51-1997 and ASTM D975-13 describe methods the NRC considers acceptable for use in complying with NRC requirements for assuring the quality of fuel oil and fuel oil systems for emergency diesel generators used in nuclear power plants. Revision 2 of RG 1.137 is publicly available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML12300A122.

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

- Delayed confirmation of Chairman Allison Macfarlane
- Perry (OH) shut down due to a leak
- Upcoming meeting with Nebraska Public Power District discussing human performance and problem solving deficiencies
- Two apparent violations involving a control room operator at Susquehanna (PA)
- Impacts of the sequester on the NRC

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following activities:

- Facilitated an interview with NRC staff and a reporter regarding reactor decommissioning
- Provided photos of the NRC's Small Business Seminar and Meet and Greet to a newspaper

OPA Social Media Items:

Blog:

- Astounding and (Perhaps) Little Known Facts about the NRC and Radioactive Materials: Part I
- NRC Chat Considers A Possible "Small" Future
- Palisades Tank Leak Repaired - Safe to Restart

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
13-052	NRC Publishes Amendments to Regulations on Reactor License Renewal Environmental Reviews (6/20/13)
Regions:	
III-13-024	NRC Schedules Public Meeting on Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant's 2012 Performance and Transition to Decommissioning (6/20/13)
III-13-023	NRC Schedules Open House June 26 to Discuss Performance of Point Beach Nuclear Plant (6/19/13)
II-13-044	NRC Proposes \$70,000 Fine for Violations at Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 2 (6/19/13)
IV-13-016	NRC to Hold Meeting With Nebraska Public Power District on Cooper Nuclear Station (6/17/13)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-13-0068	6/21/13	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending June 14, 2013

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Ben Shelly, President of the Navajo Nation, dated June 10, 2013, expresses thank you for meeting with the members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and NRC staff.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Advanced Boiling Water Reactor, notice of meeting (7/09/13, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm).
2. ACRS Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures, notice of meeting (7/09/13, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm).
3. ACRS Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and PRA, notice of meeting (7/22/13, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm).
4. ACRS Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and PRA, notice of meeting (7/22/13, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm).
5. ACRS Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Plant Operations and Fire Protection, notice of meeting (7/24/13, 8:15 am – 12:00 pm).
6. ACRS Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Power Upgrades, notice of meeting (7/25/13-7/26/13, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm).
7. ACRS notice of 606th meeting (7/09/13-7/12/13).