

INFORMATION REPORT

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**Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
Week Ending September 20, 2013**

Technical Assistance with Tsunami and Storm Surge Hazard Assessment at Nuclear Power Plant Sites in the United States

On September 9, 2013, as a result of a competitive negotiated acquisition, a labor hour-cost reimbursement (travel only) type contract (NRC-HQ-13-C-42-0051), was awarded to Taylor Engineering, Inc. of Jacksonville, FL, for contractor support to provide the NRC with a technical basis for reviewing tsunami and storm surge/seiche site characteristics to existing nuclear power plant operators. The period of performance is from September 15, 2013, to September 14, 2016, with no options. The total value of the contract is \$2,826,160.

Waste Confidence -- Continued Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel: Proposed Rule and Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement; 10 CFR Part 51 (RIN 3150-AJ20; NRC-2012-0246)

On September 13, 2013, the NRC published a proposed rule in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 56776](#)) proposing to revise its generic determination on the environmental impacts of the continued storage of spent nuclear fuel beyond a reactor's licensed life for operation and prior to ultimate disposal. The NRC prepared a draft environmental impact statement (DGEIS), NUREG-2157, "Waste Confidence Generic Environmental Impact Statement" ([78 FR 56621](#)), to support the proposed rule. The public comment period on the proposed rule and the DGEIS will close on November 27, 2013.

Compatibility of Generally Licensed and Exempt Devices: Petition for Rulemaking; Denial; 10 CFR Part 32 (PRM-32-7; NRC-2012-0127)

On September 16, 2013, the NRC published a denial of a petition for rulemaking (PRM), PRM-32-7, in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 56839](#)) submitted by Mr. Sean Chapel (the petitioner) on behalf of the Association of Device Distributors and Manufacturers. The petitioner requested that the NRC create a new regulation for exempt devices similar to the NRC's regulations for generally licensed devices. The petitioner also requested that the NRC change the Agreement State compatibility designation of the regulations applicable to generally licensed devices that are specified in § 31.6 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* from "C" to "B." The NRC is denying the PRM because the petitioner failed to present any significant new information or arguments that would support the requested changes, nor did the petitioner demonstrate a need for a new provision for exempt devices. The docket for PRM-32-7 was closed on September 16, 2013.

Proposed Waste Confidence Rule and Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement; Public Meetings; 10 CFR Part 51 (RIN-3150-AJ20; NRC-2012-0246)

On September 19, 2013, the NRC published a document in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 57538](#)) informing the public that it will be holding public meetings in October and November 2013, to receive public comments on its proposed amendments to the NRC's regulations pertaining to the environmental impacts of the continued storage of spent nuclear fuel beyond a reactor's licensed life for operation and prior to ultimate disposal ([78 FR 56776](#) and [78 FR 56621](#); September 13, 2013).

**NRR Weekly Highlights
Items of Interest
Week Ending September 20, 2013**

**Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 805
Regulatory Audit**

During the week of September 9, 2013, the staff conducted an NFPA 805 regulatory audit at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Units 1, 2, and 3. The staff reviewed NFPA 805 transition documents related to Browns Ferry NFPA 805 license amendment request. Browns Ferry staff and their contractors conducted presentations, participated in technical discussions, and coordinated plant tours to help the NRC staff gain a better understanding of the Browns Ferry NFPA 805 license amendment request.

Reactor Oversight Process Working Group Public Meeting

On September 11, 2013, the staff conducted the Reactor Oversight Process Working Group (ROPWG) public meeting. Meeting participants included NRC staff and industry representatives. Discussion included updates on inspection and performance assessment topics, changes to the performance indicator guidance, and frequently asked questions. The next ROPWG public meeting will be held on October 23, 2013.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
Items of Interest
Week Ending September 20, 2013

Arrivals		
BARRAS, WILBUR	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OIG
CHENG, YUAN	HYDROLOGIST	NRR
GHRAYEB, SHADI	NUCLEAR ENGINEER NSPDP	NMSS
HAYES, BARBARA	HYDROLOGIST	NRO
HEESZEL, LINDSEY	AUDITOR	OIG
HOFFMAN, ROBERT	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST	NRR
MEYER, PAUL	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OI
PICHARDO, JEFFREY	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	CFO
REYES, BRANDON	PROJ ENG/REACTOR INSP RES INS PROG	R-I
SMITH, SHELLY	PLANNING AND SCHEDULING ANALYST	NRO
VITTO, STEVEN	MATERIALS ENGINEER	NRR
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
BARTLEMAN, JOHN	SENIOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR	R-II
FLETCHER, CECIL	SENIOR REACTOR INSPECTOR	R-II
GAUDREAU, ADAM	SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	FSME
GORDON, MARK	IT SPECIALIST	R-II
JENNERICH, MATTHEW	RESIDENT INSPECTOR (PWR)	R-I
KHEIRANDISH, PEDROM	STUDENT ENGINEER	ADM
STOJANOVICH- HAYES, RADA	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-II
THORPE-KAVANAUGH, MEGHAN	RESIDENT INSPECTOR (PWR)	R-III

**Office of Information Services (OIS)
Items of Interest
Week Ending September 20, 2013**

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received
During the Period of September 13, 2013 – September 19, 2013:**

Copy of 52 selected Atomic Energy Commission Manual Chapters and General Manager's Bulletins	FOIA/PA-2013-0346
Any and all communications to/from Commissioner Magwood IV and 1)Marvin Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) or other NEI officials/staff, and 2) any communications referencing or relating to meetings with licensees not at NRC facility	FOIA/PA-2013-0347
Any and all records or communications pertaining to the cracking in the concrete shield building/secondary radiological containment structure at Davis-Besse atomic reactor in Oak Harbor, OH, 01/27/12-present	FOIA/PA-2013-0348
All communications to/from Commissioner Magwood IV, his staff, NRC's FOIA office, and NRC in general concerning whether to respond, how to respond and in what way to respond to FOIA-2012-0074, 12/3/2011-09/14/13	FOIA/PA-2013-0349
All documentation on Carolina Power & Light Company, Progress Energy or Duke Energy involving named individuals, from 1996 to present	FOIA/PA-2013-0350

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
Week Ending September 20, 2013**

Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-13-0069	6/21/13	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking (PRM-32-7)
SRM on SECY-13-0069	8/13/13	(same)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-13-0069	8/13/13	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-13-0092	8/29/13	Annual Report of CRGR [Committee To Review Generic Requirements] Review Activities
2. SECY-13-0099	9/17/13	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending September 6, 2013

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Nathan Deal, Governor of Georgia, dated September 12, 2013, requests appointment of a State Liaison Officer to act as the State of Georgia's primary liaison to the NRC.
2. Letter to Peter Crane, dated September 10, 2013, responds to his letter regarding the use of potassium iodide (KI) for thyroid protection in the event of a radiological emergency.
3. Letter to Representatives Fred Upton and John Shimkus, dated September 6, 2013, responds to letter regarding the hearing on September 10, 2013, concerning the Commission's actions to implement the court's decision on NRC's review of DOE's license application to construct a repository at Yucca Mountain.

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES

1. Request for a License to Export Reactor Components, Curtiss-Wright Electro-Mechanical Corporation, XR177, 11006121.
2. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures, notice of meeting (10/02/13, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.).
3. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on US-APWR, notice of meeting (10/01/13, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.).
4. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Regulatory Policies and Practices, notice of meeting (10/02/13, 8:30 - a.m. – 12:00 p.m.).
5. ACRS, notice of 608th meeting (10/02-05/2013).