

INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Amendments to Material Control and Accounting Regulations: Proposed Rule: 10 CFR Parts 40, 70, 72, 74, and 150 (RIN 3150-A161; NRC-2009-0096)

On November 8, 2013, the NRC published a proposed rule in the *Federal Register* ([78 FR 67225](#)) proposing to amend its regulations for material control and accounting (MC&A) of special nuclear material (SNM). The goal of this rulemaking is to revise and consolidate the MC&A requirements in order to update, clarify, and strengthen them. The proposed amendments add new requirements that would apply to NRC licensees who are authorized to possess SNM in a quantity greater than 350 grams. The comment period on the information collection aspects of the proposed rule closes on December 9, 2013, and the comment period on the proposed rule closes on February 18, 2014. In the same issue of the *Federal Register*, the NRC published for public comment five draft NUREGs that support the proposed rule ([78 FR 67224](#)). The comment period on the draft NUREGs closes on February 18, 2014.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
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Arrivals		
ARGENT, NINA	FOIA/PRIVACY SPECIALIST	IS
FRAZIER, RHEANA	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	ADM
GEORGE, ANDREA	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
NICHOLS-STRECK, LISA	PERSONNEL SECURITY SPECIALIST	ADM
OTT, CAROL	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-I
QUENNEVILLE, SHERIE	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-I
TORRES, RICARDO	MATERIALS ENGINEER	NMSS
WILHITE, JAMES	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OI
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
SALOMON, ARTHUR	RESEARCH STATISTICIAN	RES

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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 November 8, 2013 – November 14, 2013:**

Copy of correspondence from U.S. Congressman William Cassidy and the response from January 2009 to present	FOIA/PA-2014-0031
All records in the transfer of nuclear and/or radioactive material for the use of nuclear medicine and science from 1947 to 1971 to the listed facilities	FOIA/PA-2014-0032
Copy of correspondence from U.S. Senator Mike Enzi and the response to correspondence	FOIA/PA-2014-0033
Copy of NRC Reactor Operator Licenses of named individual	FOIA/PA-2014-0034
APPEAL: Denial of Information (FOIA/PA-2013-0192)	FOIA/PA-2014-0004A
All records and/or files pertaining to the CT Phase II Decommissioning Plan, and associated work in executing plan at the Mallinckrodt Plant in St. Louis, MO	FOIA/PA-2014-0035
Copies of documentation supporting the listed Radioactive Sealed Source and Device Registry Numbers, and all pending or withdrawn submittals by QSA Global Inc. between 1/1/13 and present	FOIA/PA-2014-0036
Copies of documentation supporting the listed Radioactive Sealed Source and Device Registry Numbers, and all pending or withdrawn submittals by International Isotopes, Inc. between 1/1/13 and present	FOIA/PA-2014-0037
Specified Information on NRC's Branch Chiefs	FOIA/PA-2014-0038
Any documents related to investigation of named individual	FOIA/PA-2014-0039

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) Follow up Mission

On November 7 and 8, 2013, the Preparatory Meeting for the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) Follow-up Mission on the NRC's operating power reactor program was held at NRC Headquarters. The staff met with the IRRS Team Leader (United Kingdom), Deputy Team Leader (Spain), and IAEA staff to discuss mission planning and scope. The IRRS Follow-up Mission is scheduled for February 2–11, 2014, and will be focused on the NRC's response to the 2010 IRRS Mission and NRC's response to the Fukushima accident. The team will be comprised of five senior international regulators, all of whom were on the initial 2010 IRRS Mission, plus four IAEA staff.

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**Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
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Publication of Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 1.73, “Qualification Tests for Safety-Related Actuators in Nuclear Power Plants”

On November 8, 2013, the NRC announced in the *Federal Register* (78 FR 67206) that RG 1.73, “Qualification Tests for Safety-Related Actuators in Nuclear Power Plants,” was revised to provide applicants and licensees with the most current information on testing safety-related actuators in nuclear power plants. The previous version of RG 1.73, “Qualification Tests of Electric Valve Operators Installed Inside the Containment of Nuclear Power Plants,” was issued January 1974. It endorsed Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE) Std. 382-1972, “IEEE Trial-Use Guide for Type Test of Class I Electric Valve Operators for Nuclear Power Generating Stations.” The IEEE standard was updated three times, in 1985, 1996, and 2006. However the RG was never revised. This revision updates RG 1.73 to endorse the current version of IEEE Std. 382-2006, “Standard for Qualification of Safety-Related Actuators for Nuclear Power Generating Stations,” issued 2007. The RG is available in ADAMS at Accession No. ML13210A463.

Public Workshop on Digital I&C

On November 14, 2013, staff from RES supported the Office of New Reactor’s (NRO) public workshop to discuss the instrumentation and controls (I&C) topics in the Babcock & Wilcox mPower design specific review standard (DSRS). During the workshop, the NRC staff discussed results and status of several important ongoing activities involving the evaluation of hazard analysis, software quality assurance, cyber security, and embedded digital devices of digital safety systems. The information gained as a result of this workshop will allow NRO and RES staff to better focus ongoing activities and to increase efficiency, effectiveness, while avoiding duplication of regulatory reviews in the I&C area.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
SRM on SECY-13-0095	11/13/13	Fourth 6-Month Status Update on Response to Lessons Learned From Japan's March 11, 2011, Great Tohoku Earthquake and Subsequent Tsunami
Voting Record for SECY-13-0095	11/13/13	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-13-0119	11/12/13	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending November 1, 2013
Memoranda		
1. M103113	11/6/13	NRC All Employees Meeting

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Diane Curran, Harmon, Curran, Spielberg & Eisenberg, L.L.P.; and Mindy Goldstein, Turner Environmental Law Clinic, dated November 5, 2013, responds to their letter concerning the cancellation of NRC's Waste Confidence public meetings due to the recent lapse in Government appropriations.
2. Letter to Diane Curran, Harmon, Curran, Spielberg & Eisenberg, L.L.P., dated November 5, 2013, responds to her letter regarding the NRC process for consideration of expedited transfer of spent nuclear fuel.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on US-APWR, notice of meeting (11/20-21/2013, 8:30am- 5pm).