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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Dam Inspections

From April 4 - 8, 2011, staff and dam inspectors from performed dam safety inspections at the McGuire, Catawba, VC Summer, and Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plants. The staff's overall assessments concluded that the dam and appurtenant structures for all four sites appeared to be in satisfactory condition and were adequately maintained; however, a few routine maintenance issues were identified. An inspection report for each of the sites will be issued in the near future.

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Nuclear Quality Assurance (NQA)-1 Committee Meetings

On April 12 -14, 2011, staff participated in ASME NQA-1 working groups, the Software QA task group, six Subcommittees, the Main Standards Committee, and Executive Committee meetings in Nashville, Tennessee. The staff continues to address commercial-grade dedication and other technical issues related to computer software quality assurance identified in the ASME NQA-1-2008 Edition and the NQA-1a- 2009 addenda. Also, the Software Quality Assurance Subcommittee has begun actions to revise Part II, Subpart 2.7, "Quality Assurance Requirements for Computer Software for Nuclear Facility Applications", and is developing a guideline to support the dedication of acquired software.

Issuance of the Renewed Operating License for Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station

On April 21, 2011, the operating licenses for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, were renewed, authorizing operation for an additional 20 years beyond the original license expiration dates. The new expiration dates are June 1, 2045, for Unit 1; April 24, 2046, for Unit 2; and November 25, 2047, for Unit 3. The staff completed its review as documented in the Safety Evaluation Report, NUREG-1961, published April 2011, and the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, NUREG-1437, Supplement 43, published January 2011. The issuance of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station renewed licenses brings the total number of renewals to 66 reactor units.

Fire Protection Meeting on National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

On April 21, 2011, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute NFPA Standard 805 Task Force, other stakeholders, and the public, to discuss the FAQs related to licensees' adoption of NFPA 805. The staff began holding these monthly public meetings in July 2006.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Public Meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute, Fuel Cycle Licensees and Certificate Holders

On April 14, 2011, staff from NMSS led a public meeting with representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute and fuel cycle licensees and certificate holders to discuss enhancements to the fuel cycle oversight process. Staff from Region II and the Office of Enforcement also participated. The topics addressed in this public meeting included the process to provide licensees with credit for an effective corrective action program, draft information on the developed safety-related cornerstones, and a high-level discussion on the path forward.

AREVA Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility Construction Schedule

On April 21, 2011, AREVA Enrichment Services (AES) provided advance notice to the NRC project manager that they expect to delay initiating construction of the proposed Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility until calendar year 2012. AES's construction schedule assumed that they would begin pouring concrete in August 2011, shortly after the anticipated completion of the mandatory hearing and receipt of a license. Given that the Atomic Safety Licensing Board (ASLB) announced a July hearing date for the environmental issues and scheduled their decision to be issued in the September – November timeframe, AES has decided not to initiate construction activities until early 2012. AES is working with its contractor and vendors to develop a revised construction schedule for the project.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Working Group

On April 13, 2011, OIS staff participated in a CUI Working Group meeting sponsored by the CUI Executive Agent (EA). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the latest changes to the draft CUI Implementing Directive, which included changes based on meetings with the private sector and public interest groups, and comments from agencies that have not been participating in the working groups. This was the last meeting on the initial implementing directive. After agencies submit their proposed CUI markings, categories, and subcategories to the EA on May 3, 2011, the EA will form new working groups related to specific CUI categories and subcategories. These new working groups will try to standardize the safeguarding and dissemination criteria to the lowest common denominator for all agencies. The NRC will be invited to participate in these groups.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of April 15, 2011 through April 21, 2011:

1945-1970 Experimental releases of radiation, radioactive materials or other substances on civilian population in St. Louis, Missouri.	FOIA/PA-2011-0188
Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, Japan, all communications between NRC and any U.S. Government entity, the Japanese government and Tokyo Electric Power, between the Commissioners, between the Commissioners and NRC staff, after March 10, 2011	FOIA/PA-2011-0189
Businesses/companies within 20 miles of Little Rock air force base with radioactive material licenses/permits within cities of Conway, Enola, Holland, Mayflower, Mount Vernon, etc.	FOIA/PA-2011-0190
FOIA request responses related to Japan as listed on the public Web site	FOIA/PA-2011-0191
Contracting officer information on specific invoices	FOIA/PA-2011-0192
Dean Heller, U.S. Representative, all records between him or his staff and NRC, January 4, 2006 to present	FOIA/PA-2011-0193
Byron Nuclear Station, investigation into leak in the service water system on October 19, 2007, full report	FOIA/PA-2011-0194
Japan Nuclear Crisis - All communications, document, and previous records between NRC, DOE, GE Energy, Hitachi-GE Nuclear Energy March 11, 2011-April 20, 2011	FOIA/PA-2011-0195
Japan Nuclear Crisis – All communications between Chairman, Commission Staff, NRC Staff and members of Congress March 11, 2011–April 20, 2011	FOIA/PA-2011-0196

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Citron-Rivera, Jorge	ELECTRICAL ENGINEER (NSPDP)	NMSS
Cunningham, Mark	SENIOR PRA ADVISOR	COMM
Knox, Christopher	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OI/RIV
Lamon-Kritikos, Nancy	CONTRACT SPECIALIST	ADM
Malmon, Lauren	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROG MGR	HR
Weglicki, Larry	SENIOR AUDITOR	OIG
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Bulavinetz, Richard	AQUATIC BIOLOGIST	NRR
Moody, Robert	SR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SPEC	NSIR

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Office of Public Affairs (OPA)
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OPA Received Significant Media Inquiries on the Following

The impact of the Japanese earthquake and tsunami disaster on nuclear power plants in the United States.

Entergy filing a suit in federal court challenging Vermont's claim it has the ability to shut the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant down.

An offsite power loss at Surry nuclear power plant (Virginia), where a tornado touched down in the switchyard Saturday and triggered a double unit scram.

The status of the review of the license renewal schedule for Diablo Canyon nuclear plant (California).

Emergency planning zones around nuclear power plants.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA supported annual assessment meetings for the Vogtle nuclear power plant (Georgia); Oconee nuclear power plant (South Carolina); and Hatch nuclear power plant (Georgia).

OPA did a recorded interview with the Virginia Radio News Network on the Unusual Event at Surry nuclear power plant (Virginia).

OPA supported the Chairman's interview with WBAL (an NBC Baltimore affiliate) about our support in response to the Japanese reactor events, the role of our team over there, and the task force short and long-term reviews.

OPA did an interview with KTNC Radio of Falls Church, NE, on a regulatory conference for Cooper nuclear power plant (Nebraska) scheduled for April 27.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
11-065	NRC Unveils New Web Design that Enhances Usability and Adds New Features (4/18)
11-066	Opening Remarks of NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko at Today's Briefing on Part 37 Proposed Rule (4/19)
11-067	NRC, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Issue Final Environmental Impact Statement for New Reactors at Virgil C. Summer Site (4/19)

11-068	NRC Renews Operating Licenses for Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant for an Additional 20 Years (4/21)
Regions:	
I-11-007	NRC to Hold Public Meeting on May 4th in Scriba, New York, to Discuss Annual Assessment of Nine Mile Point, Fitzpatrick Nuclear Plants (4/22)
II-11-021	NRC Monitors Events at Surry Nuclear Power Plant After Loss of Offsite Power and Unusual Event Declaration (4/17)
II-11-022	NRC to Present Results of Licensee Performance Review at Global Nuclear Fuel-Americas in Wilmington (4/18)
II-11-023	NRC Schedules Meetings to Discuss 2010 Performance Assessment for Watts Bar 1 Nuclear Power Plant and Construction Inspections for Watts Bar 2 (4/20)
II-11-024	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss 2010 Performance Assessment for McGuire Nuclear Power Plant (4/20)
II-11-025	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss 2010 Performance Assessment for Catawba Nuclear Power Plant (4/20)
II-11-026	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss 2010 Performance Assessment for Sequoyah Nuclear Power Plant (4/20)
II-11-027	NRC Schedules Public Meeting to Discuss 2010 Performance of Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant (4/21)
III-11-010	NRC Schedules Public Meeting for May 5 to Discuss Byron Nuclear Power Plant Performance and NRC Oversight (4/21)
III-11-011	NRC Schedules Public Meeting for May 5 to Discuss Palisades Nuclear Power Plant Performance and NRC Oversight (4/21)
IV-11-013	NRC to Hold Open House to Discuss 2010 Performance of Callaway Nuclear Plant (4/19)
IV-11-014	NRC to Discuss 2010 Performance Assessment for Cooper Nuclear Plant (4/20)
IV-11-015	NRC to Hold Regulatory Conference with Nebraska Public Power District on Cooper Nuclear Station (4/21)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
SRM on SECY-11-0033	4/20/11	Proposed NRC Staff Approach to Address Resource Challenges Associated with Review of a Large Number of National Fire Protection Association 805 License Amendment Requests
Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0033	4/20/11	(same)
SECY-11-0049	4/1/11	Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes Reporting Structure: Options, Analysis, and Proposed Implementation Plans
SRM on SECY-11-0035	4/21/11	Integrated Plan, Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 35, Medical Use of Byproduct Material, Activities and Options for Streamlining the Medical Rulemaking Petition and Rulemaking Processes
Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0035	4/21/11	(same)
Information Papers		
SECY-11-0050	4/6/11	Progress Report Regarding Encouraging States and Licensees to Complete National Source Tracking System Credentialing and to Use the System Electronically
Memoranda		
M110419	4/22/11	Staff Requirements – Briefing on Source Security – Part 37 Rulemaking – Physical Protection of Byproduct Material

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Jacob Lew, OMB, dated April 11, 2011, responds to memorandum regarding the continued implementation of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12, "Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors."
2. Letter to Congressman Howard Berman, dated April 11, 2011, responds to letter expressing support for the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the American Physical Society.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Shaw AREVA Mox Services, Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility; License Amendment Request, Notice of Opportunity to Request a Hearing and to Petition for Leave to Intervene,

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and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information.

2. Policy statement; revision - Interim Enforcement Policy for Minimum Days Off Requirements.
3. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment, notice of meeting (05/11/2011).
4. ACRS Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on U.S. Evolutionary Power Reactor, notice of meeting (05/11/2011).
5. ACRS, notice of the 583rd meeting (05/12-14/2011).
6. ACRS Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures, notice of meeting (05/11/2011).
7. Proposed rule; extension of comment period - 10 CFR Part 73, Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications.

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