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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
Week Ending March 16, 2012

Technical Support for Molybdenum-99

On February 29, 2012, as a result of a competitive GSA Schedule solicitation, NRC awarded two labor hour Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) for technical support for the review of construction and operating licenses for two Molybdenum-99 production facilities, and up to eight operating reactor license renewals. The BPAs were awarded to Ecology and Environment, Inc. (E&E) of Arlington, VA, and Los Alamos Technical Associates, Inc. of Albuquerque, NM. The period of performance for both BPAs is February 29, 2012, to August 21, 2012, with three 1-year option periods. The total value for the E&E BPA is \$3,124,914, inclusive of all options, and the total value for the Los Alamos Technical Associates, Inc. BPA is \$3,776,185, inclusive of all options.

Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2012, Proposed Rule; 10 CFR Parts 170 and 171 (RIN 3150-AJ03; NRC-2011-0207)

On March 15, 2012, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 15530) a proposed rule to amend the licensing, inspection, and annual fees charged to its applicants and licensees. The proposed amendments are necessary to implement the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA-90), as amended, which requires the NRC to recover through fees approximately 90 percent of its budget authority in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012, not including amounts appropriated for Waste Incidental to Reprocessing (WIR), and amounts appropriated for generic homeland security activities. President Obama signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012 on December 23, 2011, giving the NRC a total appropriation of \$1,038,100 for FY 2012. The FY 2012 proposed fee rule, based on the FY 2012 appropriation, would require the NRC to recover fees of approximately \$909,500,000 from licensees. After accounting for billing adjustments, the total amount to be billed as fees is approximately \$901,000,000. Comments on the proposed rule are due by April 16, 2012.

Office of Human Resources (HR)
Items of Interest
Week Ending March 16, 2012

Arrivals		
John Szabo	SENIOR ATTORNEY	OGC
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
None		

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
Items of Interest
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Meeting with Swiss Federal Nuclear Safety Inspectorate

On March 12, 2012, staff from the Information and Records Services Division, the Office of International Programs, and the Office of the General Counsel met with a representative of the Swiss Federal Nuclear Safety Inspectorate (ENSI). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss NRC's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) program and other ways by which NRC makes information available to the public. NRC staff explained the openness and transparency policies of the Obama Administration and NRC's robust proactive program for releasing information to the public. The NRC's Public Document Room and the publicly available Agencywide Documents Access and Management System were also discussed. The ENSI representative provided an overview of the Swiss equivalent of the FOIA.

Controlled Unclassified Information

On March 13, 2012, staff from the Information and Records Services Division attended a working group meeting at the Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Office, National Archives and Records Administration. The purpose of the meeting was to begin development of the safeguarding policy for CUI. There will be at least two more working group meetings to discuss and develop safeguards policy.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of March 9, 2012 through March 15, 2012:

Material Licensing Tracking System (MLTS) Database, active and retired facilities	FOIA/PA-2012-0167
Requested records be made publically available	FOIA/PA-2012-0168
Solo Cup Company in Ada, OK, License termination and disposition record	FOIA/PA-2012-0169
Five worst case scenarios of Fukushima crisis as referenced on page 14 of ML12052A111, Referral from EPA	FOIA/PA-2012-0170
OI 4-2010-049 and OI 4-2011-017, Investigation records and transcripts	FOIA/PA-2012-0171

FOIA Requests Completed:

2012-0104
2012-0137
2012-0149

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
Items of Interest
Week Ending March 16, 2012

NRC Staff Present at the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB) Meeting

On March 7, 2012, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff participated in the NWTRB meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Focus on Geologic Disposal of Nuclear Waste. Presentations at the meeting focused on the geologic disposal of high-level waste including deep-borehole disposal. NRC staff made a presentation with respect to lessons learned during the preparation of the Technical Evaluation Reports for Yucca Mountain.

Meeting with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to Discuss How the Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) Report May Affect Geological Disposal

On March 13, 2012, NRC staff met with visiting EPA staff representatives to discuss how the BRC on America's Nuclear Future final report might affect each agency's work on geologic disposal. Discussions focused on (1) potential implications on coordination and collaboration between EPA and NRC, (2) potential processes to develop standards and regulations, and (3) EPA concerns on how a revised standard (40 CFR 191) for disposal could impact the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. EPA is beginning to inform senior management on the BRC report. EPA noted movement forward would be controlled by budgetary constraints and the release of the Department of Energy's response to the BRC report (due in July).

Meeting with EPA to Discuss Upcoming Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) for 40 CFR 190

On March 13, 2012, NRC staff met with visiting EPA staff representatives seeking NRC staff's informal input on potential revisions to 40 CFR Part 190. Discussions concerned the potential content of a forthcoming ANPR that EPA will soon submit to the Office of Management and Budget. The six key points of the ANPR are located on slide 10 of the EPA's Regulatory Information Conference slides at:
<https://ric.nrc-gateway.gov/docs/abstracts/littletonb-hv-th33.pdf>.

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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National Fire Protection Association 805 Audit of Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station

During the week of March 5, 2012, NRC staff and contractors performed a regulatory audit of the Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station's application to transition their fire protection program to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805. The NRC audit team reviewed NFPA 805 transition documents, conducted interviews; participated in breakout meetings with licensee staff and contractors, and toured the plant to further their understanding of Fort Calhoun's Fire Protection Program. The audit report will be published in the upcoming weeks.

Public Meetings Related to the License Renewal Process for Callaway Plant, Unit 1

On March 14, 2012, the staff conducted two public meetings in Fulton, MO, to discuss the license renewal review process and to solicit public comments concerning the scope of the environmental review for the Callaway Plant, Unit 1, license renewal application. Approximately 50 people attended the meetings, including the applicant, local residents, government officials, citizen organizations, and news media. Public comments included concerns regarding the safety of nuclear power, desire for a longer period of time to submit comments, and support for license renewal. Public comments on the scope of the environmental review are due by April 24, 2012.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research Publication of Regulatory Guide 7.4, "Leakage Tests on Packages for Shipment of Radioactive Materials"

On March 9, 2012 the staff published Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 7.4, "Leakage Tests on Packages for Shipment of Radioactive Materials." The regulatory guide was revised to endorse and incorporate revisions to American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standard N14.5, "Radioactive Materials - Leakage Tests on Packages for Shipment" as well as to address revisions to 10 CFR 71.51, "Additional Requirements for Type B Packages" that were implemented since the guide was originally issued in June 1975. The revised regulatory guide was announced on page 14445 of the *Federal Register* on March 9, 2012 and is available at <http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML1125/ML112520023.pdf>.

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

The ongoing San Onofre nuclear generating station (CA) Unit 3 steam generator tube testing and the seven tubes that failed.

The Vermont Yankee nuclear plant (VT) downpower due to reduction in condenser vacuum.

The Congressional hearing and the status of the Commission's actions on Fukushima; and the NRC's response to Representative Darrell Issa's letter.

The letter to the state of Colorado over failure to provide the public an opportunity for a hearing in the Pinon Ridge uranium mill (CO) licensing review.

A supplement to the final Environmental Impact Statement for Indian Point nuclear plant (NY) license renewal application.

The red findings and the contributing factors that lead to Fort Calhoun Nuclear Generating Station (NE) shutdown and NRC's increased oversight.

The environmental petition with the NRC about the lack of a hardened vent system at the FitzPatrick nuclear plant (NY).

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following media interviews and events:

- OPA provided an on camera interview for Korea Broadcasting System about new reactors, lessons learned from Fukushima, and State-of-the-Art Reactor Consequence Analyses.
- OPA facilitated interviews between the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs staffers and *NY Times* about security of large radiation sources in hospitals. A headquarters OPA officer did a taped interview with CBS Radio regarding NRC's radioactive material security requirements.
- OPA Region 3 interviewed with Michigan Public Radio about the March 21 annual assessment meeting and how it would differ from the last on February 29, 2012.

OPA issued 3 blog posts:

- Steam Generator Tube Failures — Understanding the Situation.
- NRC Gives Even Sensitive Matters a Full Legal (If Not Public) Hearing.
- NRC issues annual assessment letters "grading" the nation's nuclear plants.

OPA posted YouTube videos:

- NRC Regional Administrators Discuss Regional Issues at RIC 2012
- NRC Discuss Current Issues with Industry at RIC 2012
- NRC Commissioner Ostendorff Speaks at RIC 2012
- NRC Commissioner Magwood speaks at RIC 2012
- RIC 2012 NRC Commissioner Plenary with Dr. George Apostolakis
- NRC RIC 2012 Plenary Session with Commissioner Kristine L. Svinicki
- RIC 2012 Opening Session: NRC Chairman Jaczko Keynote Remarks

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
12-027	NRC Amends Regulations on Security of Radioactive Materials (3/16/2012)
12-026	NRC Seeks Public Input to FY 2012 Proposed Fee Rule (3/16/2012)
12-025	NRC to Prepare Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Indian Point Nuclear Plant License Renewal Application (3/15/2012)
12-024	NRC Publishes Regulatory Issue Summary on Reintegration of Security Into Reactor Oversight Process Assessments (3/15/2012)
Regions:	
I-12-007	NRC to Hold Open House on March 22 in Scriba, N.Y., to Discuss Annual Assessment of Nine Mile Point, FitzPatrick Nuclear Plants (3/16/2012)
I-12-006	NRC to Hold Open House on March 20 in Ontario, N.Y., to Discuss Annual Assessment of Ginna Nuclear Power Plant (3/15/2012)
III-12-009	NRC Schedules Open House and Public Meeting for March 21 to Discuss Palisades Nuclear Power Plant Performance in 2011 (3/15/2012)
IV-12-008	NRC to Send Augmented Inspection Team to San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (3/15/2012)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-12-0031	2/24/12	Enforcement Alternatives for Sites that Indicate Additional Time Required to Submit Their License Amendment Requests to Transition to 10 CFR 50.48(C) National Fire Protection Association Standard 805
2. SECY-12-0038	3/15/12	Weekly Information Report - Week ending March 9, 2012

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Honorable Mark Kirk et al., dated March 5, 2012, responds to concerns regarding the retention of the intellectual expertise and the preservation of all the scientific information and records produced during the consideration of Yucca Mountain as a geological waste repository.
2. Letter to Representative Edward J. Markey, dated March 5, 2012, responds to letter regarding safety concerns with Westinghouse AP1000 Nuclear Reactor Design.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. License Amendment Request from Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, Hematite Decommissioning Project, Hematite, Missouri [Docket No.: 70-0036; NRC-2012-0054].
2. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures, notice of meeting (04/11/2012).
3. ACRS, notice of the 593rd meeting, notice of meeting (04/12-14/2012).