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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
Week Ending July 13, 2012

Technical Assistance in Support of Containment Liner Corrosion Modeling

On July 6, 2012, as a result of a noncompetitive acquisition, a cost-plus-fixed-fee type contract (No. NRC-HQ-12-C-04-0069) was awarded to Southwest Research Institute of San Antonio, TX for technical assistance in support of containment liner corrosion modeling. The period of performance is from July 9, 2012, to March 31, 2013, with no option periods. The total estimated value of the contract is \$324,308.

Technical Corrections; Final Rule; 10 CFR Chapter I (RIN 3150-AJ16; NRC-2012-0092)

On July 6, 2012, the NRC published a final rule in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 39899) amending its regulations to make technical corrections, including updating the street address for its Region I office; correcting authority citations and typographical and spelling errors; and making other edits and conforming changes. This rule is effective August 6, 2012.

Technical Assistance for Electronic Documentation and Tracking of Comments and Dispositions Related to Subsequent License Renewals

On July 11, 2012, as a result of a noncompetitive acquisition, a cost-plus-fixed-fee type contract (No. NRC-HQ-12-C-03-0052) was awarded to Southwest Research Institute of San Antonio, TX. This contract will provide for technical assistance in support of electronic documentation tracking of comments and dispositions related to subsequent license renewals. The period of performance is from July 11, 2012, to September 28, 2014, with three 1-year option periods. The total estimated value of the contract is \$262,937, inclusive of all options.

Low-Level Radioactive Waste Regulatory Management Issues; Public Meeting; Request for Comment; 10 CFR Part 61 (RIN-3150-AI92; NRC-2011-0012)

On July 11, 2012, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 40817) announcing plans to conduct a public meeting to discuss proposed changes to its current regulatory requirements as directed by the Commission in a January 19, 2012, Staff Requirements Memorandum. Information will be gathered from invited subject matter experts, stakeholders, and other interested members of the public regarding these proposed changes. The NRC staff is interested in understanding issues associated with specifying a regulatory time of compliance for a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility, allowing licensees the flexibility to implement waste acceptance criteria as an alternative to the current waste classification system, and revising the NRC's licensing requirements for land disposal of radioactive waste. The public meeting will be held on July 19, 2012, in Rockville, MD. Comments are requested by July 31, 2012.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
 Items of Interest
 Week Ending July 13, 2012

| Arrivals | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|------|
| Arel-Davis, Madeleine | Administrative Assistant | R-IV |
| Gennardo, David, | Fire Protection Engineer (NSPDP) | RES |
| Martinez, Nancy | Physical Scientist (NSPDP) | NRR |
| Retirements | | |
| None | | |
| Departures | | |
| Furstenau, Dana | Student Management Analyst | OIG |
| Marston, Keisha | IT Specialist (INFOSEC) | CSO |
| Reddick, Darani | Deputy Chief of Staff/Legal Counsel | COMM |
| Sakai, Stacie | Branch Chief | NRR |
| Walston, Christopher | Contract Specialist | ADM |
| Wilson, Jerry | Senior Policy Analyst | NRO |
| Wright, Lisa Gibney | Security Specialist | NSIR |

Office of Information Services (OIS)
Items of Interest
Week Ending July 13, 2012

Controlled Unclassified Information

On July 11, 2012, staff from the Information and Records Services Division attended a working group meeting at the Controlled Unclassified Information Office (CUIO), National Archives and Records Administration. The purpose of the meeting was to continue development of a policy for safeguarding, dissemination, and decontrol of CUI. After many months of discussions regarding possible safeguarding criteria, the CUIO has finalized a first draft of a safeguarding policy and will be sending it to agency CUI contacts for review and comment in the near future. Discussions continued regarding dissemination policy. The CUIO will consider the points made and revise the proposed policy for the next meeting. Discussions began on the decontrol policy with the CUIO presenting its straw man. The CUIO will make changes to its straw man and present the updated proposal at the next meeting. The next CUI Working Group meeting will take place on July 26, 2012.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of July 6, 2012 - July 12, 2012:

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| Lester E. Cox Medical Center, all documents relating to the compliance with NRC | FOIA/PA-2012-0279 |
| All documents including violations, inspections, contingency plans, testing/monitoring, spills, emergencies, concerning E.R. Squibb & Sons/Bristol-Myers Squibb 1969-1989 | FOIA/PA-2012-0280 |
| Nuclear Automation radioactive material license | FOIA/PA-2012-0281 |

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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St. Lucie, Unit 1, Extended Power Uprate Approved

On July 9, 2012, the St. Lucie, Unit 1, Extended Power Uprate (EPU) amendment was approved. The amendment increases the maximum steady-state reactor core power level from 2700 megawatts thermal (MWt) to 3020 MWt, which is an increase of approximately 11.85 percent. Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) submitted the EPU amendment on November 22, 2010, and the staff has approved the licensee's application after numerous meetings, phone calls, and application supplements. FPL plans to implement the EPU during the next several months.

Meeting with AREVA NP Canada

On July 12, 2012, the staff met with representatives from AREVA NP Canada to discuss testing programs and technology developments on wet and dry filtered containment venting systems.

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

The swearing-in of the new NRC Chairman Allison M. Macfarlane.

The preliminary white finding at Brown Ferry nuclear plant (AL).

The Indian Point nuclear plant (NY) license amendment that allows fuel transfer from the Unit 3 pool to the Unit 2 pool and subsequently into dry cask storage; decommissioning fund status following the waste confidence decision updates.

The Duke/Progress merger and the performance of the Progress nuclear units.

The NRC issuance of a Confirmatory Action Letter to Honeywell Metropolis Works and their agreement to suspend operations until safety concerns at the facility have been resolved.

The Nine Mile Point nuclear plant Unit 2's (NY) manual shut down due to decrease in condenser vacuum.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following activities:

- OPA spoke with local media about the restart of Palisades nuclear plant (MI).
- Phone interview with WATD-FM radio about recent Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) ruling denying a request for a hearing on two NRC post-Fukushima orders filed by the Pilgrim Watch Organization.
- Facilitated an interview with *Power Engineering* magazine with three Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) Digital Instrument and Control (I&C) experts. They discussed the history of industry efforts to upgrade to digital systems.

OPA issued blog posts:

- NRC Enhances its Fight Against Counterfeits.
- Nuclear Utility Mergers and the NRC.
- New NRC Chairman Sworn in Today.

OPA Issued YouTube Video:

- NRC Q&A Series: Three Minutes with NRC Meteorologist.

| Press Releases | |
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| Headquarters: | |
| 12-083 | NRC Joins with National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center to Protect Nuclear Safety (7/11/2012). |
| 12-082 | NRC Presenting at National Academy of Sciences Meeting July 19 on NRC-Sponsored Fukushima Dai-ichi Study (7/9/2012). |
| 12-081 | Allison M. Macfarlane Becomes 15th NRC Chairman (7/9/2012). |
| 12-080 | NRC Approves Increased Power Output for St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant (7/9/2012). |
| Regions: | |
| I-12-031 | NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at Ginna Nuclear Plant (7/12/2012). |
| II-12-046 | NRC Names Deputy Regional Administrator for Construction in its Atlanta Regional Office (7/12/2012). |
| II-12-047 | NRC Issues Confirmatory Action Letter to Honeywell (7/13/2012). |
| III- 12-028 | NRC Schedules Public Meeting July 17 to Discuss Performance of Prairie Island Nuclear Power Station (7/11/2012). |
| III-12-029 | NRC Schedules Public Meeting July 18 to Discuss Performance of Byron Nuclear Power Station (7/13/2012). |

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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| Document Released to Public | Date | Subject |
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| Information Papers | | |
| 1. SECY-12-0094 | 07/12/2012 | Weekly Information Report – Week Ending July 6, 2012 |

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congressman Edward Markey and John Tierney, dated July 6, 2012, responds to letter requesting meeting to discuss Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant issue of concrete degradation.
2. Letter to Senator John F. Kerry, dated July 6, 2012, responds to letter regarding safety issues at Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant.
3. Letter to Senator Dianne Feinstein, dated July 5, 2012, responds to letter regarding the availability of radiological monitoring data from commercial nuclear power plants.
4. Letter to Senator Wyden, dated June 25, 2012, responds to letter regarding the risks that continue at the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Application and Amendment to Facility Operating Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Considerations Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information.