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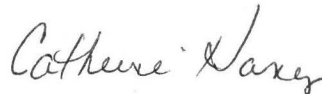
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SUBJECT: WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT – WEEK ENDING
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Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
Items of Interest
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| ARRIVALS | | |
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| ROMANO, MICHELLE | MC&A PHYSICAL SCIENTIST/STATISTICAN | R-II |
| DASHIELL, THOMAS | CONFERENCE MEETING COORDINATOR | ACRS |
| RETIREMENTS | | |
| GRICE, THOMAS A. | SENIOR FUEL FACILITY INSPECTOR | R-II |
| FREDERICKS, CARL A. | SENIOR ACCOUNTANT | OCFO |
| DEPARTURES | | |
| ROGERS, SHANNON A. | SENIOR ATTORNEY | OGC |
| GHRAYEB, SHADI | PROJECT ENGINEER (RES INSP PROGRAM) | R-I |
| CHRISTENSEN, JASON A. | MATERIALS ENGINEER | RES |

**Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
Items of Interest
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**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received
During the Period of November 18 – November 22, as submitted by requester**

| Tracking Number | Requester's Name | Requester's Organization | Request Description | Received Date |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|----------------------|
| 2020-000044 | Dr. Quentin Jevar Crocheron | | Appeal the agency's initial response of a request that was not reasonably described (NRC-2019-000382). | 11/15/2019 |
| 2020-000045 | Christopher M. Lewis | Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee | Access to, and copies of, all logs of congressional correspondence to or from any officials at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Rep. John Katko (R-NY). | 11/19/2019 |
| 2020-000046 | Parker Higgins | FOIA The Dead | Copy of all documents or Federal Bureau of Investigation files pertaining to Harold R. Denton. | 11/19/2019 |
| 2020-000047 | Stan Alcorn | Center for Investigative Reporting | All administrative subpoenas issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Inspector General, from January 1, 2017, to the date at which this request is processed. | 11/19/2019 |
| 2020-000048 | Parker Higgins | FOIA The Dead | Copy of all documents or Federal Bureau of Investigation files pertaining to Harold R. Denton. | 11/19/2019 |
| 2020-000049 | Darryl L. Glover | Go Darryl Go | All documents and records indexed to named individual. | 11/21/2019 |
| 2020-000050 | Megan Roper | | The employment, medical, and payroll records for named individual. This request includes any information related to named individual's job descriptions and any records or reports of visits to nuclear power plants. | 11/22/2019 |
| 2020-000051 | Megan Roper | | Any and all information and documents related to the nine specified nuclear power stations, Atomics International Idaho National Engineering Laboratory – Idaho Falls, ID, and Atomics International Santa | 11/22/2019 |

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| | | | Susanna Field Laboratory – Ventura County, Santa Susanna CA. | |

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Fall Meeting of the Nuclear Utilities Group on Equipment Qualification

During the week of November 11, 2019, the staff participated in the fall meeting of the Nuclear Utilities Group on Equipment Qualification in Clearwater, FL. The staff discussed lessons-learned from the environmental qualification (EQ) inspections that were implemented using Inspection Procedure 71111.21N, "Design Bases Assurance Inspections (Programs)," dated February 5, 2019, and future regulatory activities associated with EQ.

Staff Hosted an All-Day Forum on Integrated and Risk-Informed Decision Making

On November 13, 2019, the staff hosted an all-day forum on integrated and risk-informed decision making (RIDM) which focused on the reactor business lines, including NRR and Regional supervisors and managers. The activity's objectives focused on improving decision-making using RIDM principles. The forum included presentations and panel discussion by representatives from NRR, Region 3, RES, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, and the Idaho National Laboratory. Approximately 100 participants attended the forum.

Public Meeting to Discuss Technical Specifications Task Force Activities

On November 14, 2019, the staff and the Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) conducted its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. Discussions covered progress on existing and future travelers to modify the Standard Technical Specifications (STSs). Notably, the TSTF and NRC will begin Revision 5 of the five STS NUREGs before the end of the year. The next TSTF quarterly meeting will take place in February 2020.

Public Meeting to Discuss Steam Generator Task Force Activities

On November 14, 2019, the staff held a public meeting with the Steam Generator Task Force to discuss several steam generator (SG) topics. During the meeting, the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and licensee representatives gave presentations to address public comments regarding proposed changes to operating intervals between SG inspections, staff comments concerning automated data analysis, and staff feedback regarding the EPRI Steam Generator Management Program guidelines.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Power Reactor In-Core Monitoring: Petition for Rulemaking; Denial; 10 CFR Part 50; PRM-50-111; NRC-2015-0224

On November 19, 2019, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* (84 FR 63816) denying a petition for rulemaking (PRM), dated March 13, 2015, submitted by Mark Edward Leyse (petitioner). The petition was docketed by the NRC on April 24, 2015, and was assigned Docket No. PRM-50-111. The petitioner requested that the NRC require all holders of operating licenses for nuclear power plants to operate them with in-core temperature-monitoring devices (e.g., thermoacoustic sensors or thermocouples) located at different elevations and radial positions throughout the reactor core. The NRC denied the petition because current regulations provide a sufficient level of safety, such that additional requirements are not needed. The docket for the petition for rulemaking, PRM-50-111, was closed on November 19, 2019.

Alternative Method for Calculating Embrittlement for Steel Reactor Vessels: Petition for Rulemaking; Notice of Docketing and Request for Comment; 10 CFR Part 50; PRM-50-120; NRC-2019-0180

On November 19, 2019, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* (84 FR 63819) acknowledging receipt of a petition for rulemaking, dated August 19, 2019, from Thomas A. Bergman, on behalf of NuScale Power, LLC. The petitioner requested that the NRC revise its regulations to alleviate a requirement for calculating the embrittlement for advanced reactor designs and to add to the NRC's regulations and guidance documents, the embrittlement trend curve formula for calculating the mean value of the transition temperature shift described in American Society for Testing and Materials E900-152. The petition was docketed by the NRC on September 11, 2019, and has been assigned Docket No. PRM-50-120. The NRC is examining the issues raised in PRM-50-120 to determine whether these issues should be considered in rulemaking. Comments are requested by December 19, 2019.

Miscellaneous Corrections: Final Rule 10 CFR Parts 2, 21, 37, 50, 52, 73 and 110; RIN 3150-AK34; NRC-2019-0128;

On November 19, 2019, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* (84 FR 63565) amending its regulations to make miscellaneous corrections. These changes include removing obsolete language and correcting references, a typographical error, mailing, email and web page addresses, grammatical errors, a division title, and a division address and title. This document is necessary to inform the public of these non-substantive amendments to the NRC's regulations. This final rule is effective on December 18, 2019.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
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| Document Released to Public | Date of Document | Subject |
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| Decision Documents | | |
| 1. SECY-19-0040 | 04/22/19 | Denial of Petition for Rulemaking on Power Reactor In-Core Monitoring (PRM-50-111; NRC-2015-0124) |
| 2. Staff Requirements Memorandum SECY-19-0040 | 10/11/19 | Denial of Petition for Rulemaking on Power Reactor In-Core Monitoring (PRM-50-111; NRC-2015-0124) |
| 3. Commission Voting Record SECY-19-0040 | 10/11/19 | Denial of Petition for Rulemaking on Power Reactor In-Core Monitoring (PRM-50-111; NRC-2015-0124) |
| Information Papers | | |
| 1. SECY-19-0110 | 10/31/19 | Annual Update On The Status of Emergency Preparedness and Incident Response Programs Activities |
| 2. SECY-19-0112 | 11/04/19 | Annual Update on the Integrated Strategy to Modernize the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Digital Instrument and Control Regulatory Infrastructure |
| 3. SECY-19-0114 | 11/20/19 | Weekly Information Report - Week Ending 11/08/2019 |
| Memoranda | | |
| Staff Requirements Memorandum M191029 | 11/20/19 | Briefing on Transformation at the NRC - Becoming a Modern, Risk-Informed Regulator |

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to the Honorable Mike Braun, et. al, submits the NRC's Semiannual Status Report on the Licensing Activities and Regulatory Duties from April through September 2019 and includes a list of rulemaking activities and their priority schedule, dated November 13, 2019.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. 669th Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards December 4-7, 2019.
2. Petition for Rulemaking; denial. Improved Identification Techniques Against Alkali-Silica Reaction Concrete Degradation at Nuclear Power Plants [PRM-50-109; NRC-2014-0257].

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