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Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
Items of Interest
Week Ending JUNE 25, 2021

ARRIVALS		
NONE		
RETIREMENTS		
SHYU, EUGENIA	SENIOR IT SPECIALIST	OCIO
DEPARTURES		
NONE		

**Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
Items of Interest
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests, Appeals, and Consultations
Received During the Period of June 21 – June 25

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description as submitted by requester	Received Date
2021-000180	Kyle D. Warfel		Reports of Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon and Unidentified Flying Objects appearing at or near nuclear facilities or test sites	06/21/21
2021-000181	Roald Ramsdal	Teknisk Ukeblad	Appeal the withholding of information in response to NRC-2021-000099	06/23/21
2021-000182	Matthew G. Connaughton, Esq.	Cohen, Leder, Montalbano & Connaughton, LLC	Any and all accidents and incidents that have occurred at the Oyster Creek facility, Lacey Township, NJ from 1/1/20 to the present	06/23/21
2021-000183	Roald Ramsdal	Teknisk Ukeblad	In reference to released records in NRC-2021-000099: Possible written communication from Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to Norwegian Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority (DSA) regarding the alleged misconduct in the Halden Reactor affecting a US customer (sent after 3rd June 2020; possible correspondence between NRC and the US entity that was impacted by the discovery of the Institute for Energy Technology's (IFE's) research misconduct Electric Power Research Institute/Nuclear Fuel Industry Research (EPRI/NFIR) regarding the misconduct; and possible other records at NRC regarding the handling of the information from DSA about the misconduct affecting a US entity.	06/24/21
2021-000184	Michael Ravnitzky		A copy of the following "nonpublic" SECY papers: SECY-78-319, SECY-78-342, SECY-78-342A, SECY-78-350, SECY-78-402, SECY-78-476, SECY-78-492	06/24/21
2021-000185	Macee B. Utecht	Cozen O'Connor	Copies of all documents and records of named individual, including his military history and a full set of his service and unit records from 1958 to 1960	06/24/21
2021-000186	Carlos M. Byrd		A copy of all background investigations and standard forms of named individual	06/25/21

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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NRC Participated in American Nuclear Society Conference Meeting on Nuclear Plant Instrumentation, Control and Human-Machine Interface Technologies

On June 14-17, 2021, the NRC staff participated in the annual American Nuclear Society conference (<https://www.ans.org/meetings/am2021/>) and embedded topical meeting on Nuclear Plant Instrumentation, Control and Human-Machine Interface Technologies (<https://www.ans.org/meetings/view-329/>). The NRC staff supported an educational workshop on the modernization of the NRC's digital Instrumentation and controls regulatory infrastructure. Staff also hosted a diverse group of experts for a panel discussion on Common Cause Failure regulatory tools and challenges. Participation in this conference enhanced agency outreach on regulatory tools and insights covering issues ranging from human factors, digital technologies, and cyber security with the regulated and academic community.

NRC Approved Southern Nuclear Operating Company Fleet Request to Revise Quality Assurance Topical Report

On June 22, 2021, the NRC staff approved the Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) request to revise the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; and Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, as well as the associated independent spent fuel storage facilities Quality Assurance Topical Report (QATR) to allow the use of remote audits and surveys during exigent conditions (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML21161A201). SNC stated that the COVID-19-related QATR proposal was based on industry guidance in the Electrical Power Research Institute document entitled "Remote Assessment Techniques: Planning and Conducting Audits and Surveys Using Remote Techniques During Exigent Conditions." This action will also allow other licensees to revise their Quality Assurance programs using SNC's approved model without further NRC approval required.

NRC Hosted Meeting of the NRC and Industry Risk-Informed Steering Committees

On June 22, 2021, the NRC and industry Risk-Informed Steering Committees participated in a public meeting to continue discussions on areas of mutual interest (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML21141A269 and ML21172A234). Specifically, the NRC staff and industry had discussions on status and next steps on Aluminum high energy arc faults, oversight of probabilistic risk assessment configuration and control, expansion of diverse and flexible coping strategies (FLEX), potential risk-informed initiatives, and the NRC planned internal Fall Risk Forum for staff. The meeting was well attended by staff, industry, and stakeholders and was successful in sharing insights and providing a forum for open discussion of these issues.

NRC Hosted Meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute on Guidance Regarding Commercial Grade Digital Equipment

On June 23, 2021, the NRC staff held a public meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) to discuss the NRC staff's endorsement review of NEI 17-06, "Guidance on Using IEC 61508 SIL Certification to Support Acceptance of Commercial Grade Digital Equipment for Nuclear Safety Related Applications" (ADAMS Accession No. ML21161A271). During the meeting, the NRC staff provided feedback on submitted guidance and discussed the schedule for developing a new regulatory guide. The NRC staff's presentation is available at ADAMS Accession No. ML21173A336.

NRC Hosted Town Hall Meeting on Vendor Oversight

On June 24, 2021, the NRC staff held a Town Hall Meeting on Vendor Oversight (ADAMS Accession No. ML21172A275). The virtual meeting had over 220 participants from 10 different countries. NRC presentation topics included adjustments to the Vendor Inspection Program due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of adhering to procurement specifications, regulatory alternatives for supplier oversight during exigent conditions, and an update on the NRC's recognition of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation accreditation process. During an open Question and Answer session, meeting participants had an opportunity to ask questions of the NRC staff on a variety of quality assurance related topics.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Retroactive Review of Administrative Requirements: Availability of Comment Evaluation Summary; Public Meeting and Status of Rulemaking Activities; 10 CFR Chapter I (NRC-2017-0214)

On June 23, 2021, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* ([86 FR 32817](#)) announcing the availability of the comment evaluation summary and providing the status of the NRC's Retrospective Review of Administrative Requirements. On February 4, 2020 ([85 FR 6103](#)), the NRC had requested input from its licensees and members of the public on any administrative requirements that may be modified or eliminated without an adverse effect on public health or safety, common defense and security, protection of the environment, or regulatory efficiency and effectiveness. The public comment period ended on May 6, 2020, and the NRC evaluated the comments. The NRC staff plans to hold a public meeting to discuss the comment evaluation process and answer stakeholder questions. The comment evaluation summary is available on June 23, 2021. A public meeting will be held on June 30, 2021.

NRC Issued Certificate of Compliance for the Holtec International HI-STAR ATB 1T Package

On June 24, 2021, the NRC staff issued the Certificate of Compliance No. 9375, Revision No. 0, for the Holtec International HI-STAR ATB 1T package, designed for transportation of low level waste and planned to be first deployed in Sweden to ship waste to the SKB repository. The HI-STAR ATB 1T has a unique rectangular-parallelepiped Type B(U)-96 package, with both internal and external impact limiters, and secondary containers. The total package payload is up to 60 Tons. To demonstrate the safety of the package under hypothetical accident conditions, Holtec performed physical drop tests of a one quarter scale model of the package. Holtec plans to submit an application for a similar package design to be used in the United States at both operating and shutdown plants to transport segmented reactor internals and other operational waste.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
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Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-20-0063	06/14/20	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking Regarding Measurement Standards Used at U.S. Nuclear Power Plants (PRM-50-118; NRC-2019-0071)
2. Staff Requirements Memorandum SECY-20-0063	02/24/21	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking Regarding Measurement Standards Used at U.S. Nuclear Power Plants (PRM-50-118; NRC-2019-0071)
3. Commission Voting Record SECY-20-0063	02/24/21	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking Regarding Measurement Standards Used at U.S. Nuclear Power Plants (PRM-50-118; NRC-2019-0071)
4. Staff Requirements Memorandum SECY-21-0026	06/24/21	Discontinuation of Rulemaking - Spent Fuel Reprocessing
5. Commission Voting Record SECY-21-0026	06/24/21	Discontinuation of Rulemaking - Spent Fuel Reprocessing
Information Papers		
1. None		
Memoranda		
1. Staff Requirements Memorandum M210622A	06/22/21	Affirmation Session - SECY-21-0048: FirstEnergy Companies & TMI-2 Solutions, LLC (TMI 1 & 2), Motion to Hold the Proceeding in Abeyance; SECY-21-0051: Interim Storage Partners, LLC (WCS CISF), Fasken Petition for Review of LBP-21-2

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to the Honorable Gerald Connolly and Jody Hice, responds to request to update the NRC's implementation of the Modernizing Government Technology Act
2. Letter to the Honorable Dianne Feinstein and Marcy Kaptur submits the NRC's monthly Congressional Status Report for May 2021

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR) Design Certification Renewal, Direct Final Rule
2. Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR) Design Certification Renewal, Companion Proposed Rule
3. GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC Morris Operation [Docket No. 72-01; NRC-2021-0122]
4. NuScale Small Modular Reactor Design Certification, Proposed Rule” (NRC-2017-0029; RIN 3150-AJ98)