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Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO) Items of Interest Week Ending October 29, 2021

ARRIVALS			
NONE			
RETIREMENTS			
LINTZ, MARK P.	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR	
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DEPARTURES			
NONE			

Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) Items of Interest Week Ending October 29, 2021

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests, Appeals, and Consultations Received During the Period of October 25 – October 29, as submitted by requester

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description	Received Date
2022-000013	Kurtis Benedict	The University of Akron	Documents related to the Prompt Alert Siren System (PASS) for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, for current and previous siren warning systems, as described.	10/26/2021

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) Items of Interest Week Ending October 29, 2021

NRC Conducts Public Meeting on NuScale Emergency Planning Zone Sizing Methodology Topical Report

On October 27, 2021, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a public meeting with NuScale to discuss proposed request for additional information (RAI) responses on use of the probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) and accident dose analysis in the risk-informed NuScale emergency planning zone sizing methodology topical report. The staff presented conditions of use to resolve RAIs regarding PRA technical acceptability and uncertainty. The staff also presented a creative and innovative approach to screening seismic events using site-specific seismic hazard information and NuScale component seismic fragilities. Some of the details of this approach were presented in a closed meeting.

NRC Conducts Public Meeting on University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign Testing Facility

On October 27, 2021, staff held a public meeting with the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (UIUC) to discuss UIUC's regulatory engagement plan for submitting a construction permit application for a testing facility in 2023. UIUC plans to build a microreactor for research and development and to provide electricity and steam to part of the campus. Representatives from UIUC and Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation presented on facility siting, environmental review, reactor design, and proposed pre-application engagement activities. Approximately 50 members of the public attended the meeting.

NRC Conducts Public Webinar on Part 53 Preliminary Proposed Rule Language

On October 26, 2021, the NRC staff held a public webinar to provide an opportunity for an information exchange with external stakeholders on the NRC's development of the Part 53 preliminary proposed rule language for advanced nuclear reactors. This meeting focused on new preliminary proposed rule language for Subpart F, "Requirements for Operations," related to staffing, training, personnel qualifications, and human factors requirements. To support the meeting discussion the NRC staff released a "Discussion Table" for the proposed rule sections of Subpart F (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. <u>ML21267A006</u>). Approximately 100 stakeholders attended the meeting, including representatives from Nuclear Energy Institute, U.S. Nuclear Industry Council, Union of Concerned Scientists, Uranium Watch, and advanced reactor developers. Specific topics of discussion included the use of certified (non-licensed) operators, scope of covered safety functions, and applicability of the subpart to light water reactors.

NRC Issues Closeout Letters Regarding Design Vulnerability in Electric Power Systems

On October 27 and October 28, 2021, the NRC staff issued the closeout letters regarding Bulletin 2012-01, "Design Vulnerability in Electric Power System" (ADAMS Accession No. <u>ML12074A115</u>), for the McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2 and St. Lucie Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (ADAMS Accession Nos. <u>ML21293A026</u> and <u>ML21281A012</u>, respectively). The staff reviewed the information submitted by the licensees and the results of NRC's inspections in reaching its closeout conclusion.

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Items of Interest Week Ending October 29, 2021

NMSS Staff Approved a One-Time Extension for Conducting the 2021 Evaluated Emergency Response Exercise for BWXT Nuclear Operations Group, Inc.

On October 26, 2021, the staff approved the BWXT Nuclear Operations Group, Inc. – Lynchburg (BWXT NOG-L) request for a one-time extension for conducting the 2021 biennial evaluated emergency exercise for its fuel fabrication facility located in Lynchburg, Virginia (ADAMS Accession Package <u>ML21286A610</u>). BWXT NOG-L requested this exemption because the local COVID-19 conditions prevent them from safely conducting the biennial exercise as planned. The emergency exercise must be held by September 30, 2022.

NMSS Staff Approved a One-Time Extension for Conducting the 2021 Evaluated Emergency Response Exercise for Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc

On October 28, 2021, the NRC staff approved the Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS), request for a one-time extension for conducting the 2021 biennial evaluated emergency exercise for its fuel fabrication facility located in Erwin, Tennessee (ADAMS Accession Package <u>ML21291A210</u>). NFS requested this exemption because the local COVID-19 conditions prevent them from safely conducting the biennial exercise as planned. The licensee committed to holding the emergency exercise by June 30, 2022.

Reporting Requirements for Nonemergency Events at Nuclear Power Plants: Public Meeting; 10 CFR Part 50 [NRC-2020-0036; RIN 3150-AK71]

On October 29, 2021, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published notice in the *Federal Register* (<u>86 FR 59887</u>) announcing plans to hold a public meeting to discuss a rulemaking activity related to reporting requirements for nonemergency events at nuclear power plants. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the background and status of the rulemaking and to obtain input from interested stakeholders. The public meeting will be held on November 4, 2021.

Office of the Secretary (SECY) Items of Interest Week Ending October 29, 2021

Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject		
Decision Documents				
1. None				
Information Papers				
1. SECY-21-0090	10/21/21	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending 10/15/2021		
2. None				
Memoranda				
1. None				

Commission Correspondence

- 1. Letter to the Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas and Shalanda Young, reports that NRC has submitted the FISMA and Privacy Management Program documents for fiscal year 2021
- 2. Letter to the Honorable Dianne Feinstein and Marcy Kaptur submits the NRC's monthly Congressional Status Report for September 2021
- 3. Letter to the Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr., et al., submits the September 2021 monthly status report on the NRC activities and use of unobligated carryover funds appropriated from the Nuclear Waste Fund
- 4. Letter to the Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, responds to letter related to Interim Storage Partners' license application to construct and operate a consolidated interim storage facility for spent nuclear fuel and Texas House Bill 7

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. None