

INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Pre-licensing Public Meeting with Southern California Edison Company (SCE)

On March 24, 2011, a public meeting was held between representatives of SCE, Excel Corporation, and staff to discuss the licensee's plans to submit a comprehensive license amendment to upgrade to the latest revision of the Combustion Engineering Improved Standard Technical Specifications for San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3. This was the second publicly-noticed pre-licensing meeting on this subject.

Pre-Licensing Public Meeting with Arizona Public Service Company (APS)

On March 29, 2011, a public meeting was held between representatives of APS and staff regarding the licensee's plans to submit an amendment request to revise Technical Specification 3.7.4, "Atmospheric Dump Valves," for Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3.

Public Meeting on Watts Bar, Unit 2, Final Safety Analysis Report Submittals

On March 29, 2011, a public meeting was held between representatives of the Tennessee Valley Authority and staff to discuss Watts Bar, Unit 2, Fire Protection Report submittals and responses to requests for additional information.

Issuance of the Hope Creek Generating Station and Salem Nuclear Generating Station Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), Supplement 45, Final Report

On March 30, 2011, the staff issued Supplement 45 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants Regarding Hope Creek Generating Station and Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, Final Report." This SEIS includes the staff's analysis that considers and weighs the environmental impacts of the proposed action, the environmental impacts of alternatives to the proposed action, and mitigation measures available for reducing or avoiding adverse impacts. It also includes the staff's recommendation regarding the proposed action: that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for Hope Creek Generating Station and Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, are not great enough to deny the option of license renewal for energy-planning decision-makers.

Issuance of the Safety Evaluation Report (SER) Related to the License Renewal of the Salem Nuclear Generating Station

On March 31, 2011, the staff issued the SER related to the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, license renewal application. By letter dated August 18, 2009, PSEG Nuclear, LLC, submitted the license renewal application to the staff, requesting the extension of the operating licenses for an additional 20 years beyond the current 40-year terms. The staff performed its review of the application in accordance with 10 CFR, Part 54, "Requirements for Renewal of Operating Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants." The staff is scheduled to meet with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards on May 12, 2011, to discuss the SER.

Pre-licensing Public Meeting with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

On March 31, 2011, a public meeting was held between representatives of PG&E and staff to discuss the licensee's plans to submit a license amendment to incorporate management of new geotechnical seismic information into its design and licensing basis for Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Units 1 and 2. This was the third publicly-noticed pre-licensing meeting regarding this matter. The meeting was webcast to promote and enhance stakeholder engagement.

Public Meeting on Virgil C. Summer Transition to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805

On March 31, 2011, a public meeting was held between representatives of the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company and staff to discuss the transition to NFPA Standard 805 for the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit 1.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Meeting with EnergySolutions (ES)

On March 31, 2011, ES met with staff to discuss some of the conditions of the Certificate of Compliance 71-9204 issued on February 28, 2011, and present proposed responses to the Request for Supplemental Information (RSI) for the Model No. 8-120B package application. Staff provided clarifications pertaining to the RSIs for the Model 8-120B package application. ES will not be in a position to submit complete responses by the deadline of April 7, 2011, and the 8-120B review will be suspended at ES' request. ES will submit a revised application in the June timeframe.

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Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)
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Holtec HI-STORM Flood/Wind Addition

On March 28, 2011, a direct final rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Holtec HI-STORM Flood/Wind Addition" was published in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 17019). The companion proposed rule was published at 76 FR 17037. The direct final rule amends Part 72 by adding the Holtec HI-STORM Flood/Wind cask system to the list of approved spent fuel storage casks in 10 CFR 72.214. This direct final rule allows the holders of power reactor operating licenses to store spent fuel in this approved cask system under a general license. The final rule is effective June 13, 2011, unless significant adverse comments are received by April 27, 2011.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Publication of Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.44, "Control of the Processing and Use of Stainless Steel"

On April 1, 2011, the RES staff published revision 1 of RG 1.44, "Control of the Processing and Use of Stainless Steel." RG 1.44 describes methods that the NRC staff considers acceptable for implementing requirements about control of the application and processing of stainless steel to avoid severe sensitization that could lead to stress-corrosion cracking. RG 1.44 is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/rg/division-1/division-1-41.html>.

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of March 25, 2011 through March 31, 2011:

Allegation RII-2009-A-0002 and RII-2008-A-0153, All records	FOIA/PA-2011-0146
Fukushima Daichi Nuclear Plant- Any and all documentation regarding the ongoing Nuclear Crisis in Japan, including damage to Reactors and Spent Fuel Pools, Release of Radiation, and the NRC recommendation to evacuate to 50 miles	FOIA/PA-2011-0147
Japan Earthquake - Any email messages sent/received for named individuals 3/11/11-3/18/11. Any email messages sent/received for named individuals 3/11/11-3/25/11. Calendars of named individuals 3/11/11-3/23/11. Any final correspondence documenting or authorizing exemptions to NRC Regulations at any Nuclear Facility	FOIA/PA-2011-0148
Japan Earthquake - Any electronic messages sent/received for named individuals in NRR and Region I 3/11/11-3/25/11	FOIA/PA-2011-0149
OI Report 4-2009-017, Exhibit number's 13, 02, 12, 04, 09,10, 11	FOIA/PA-2011-0150
Radioactive materials license holders in Region II	FOIA/PA-2011-0151
References mentioned on Page 6 of 12 of Sealed Source Device Registry for City Labs, Inc., 10/28/10	FOIA/PA-2011-0152
Florida Power & Light (FPL) and Progress Energy's Nuclear Reactors in Florida environmental studies before their licenses were approved	FOIA/PA-2011-0153
Indian Point - All Inspection Reports since 2000	FOIA/PA-2011-0154
Nuclear Power Plants in South Carolina - All records relating to Safety Infractions and associated penalties from 1990 - 3/31/11	FOIA/PA-2011-0155

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Stuckle, Elizabeth	PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER	OPA
Retirements		
Penaherrera, Alicia	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	OIG
Ross, Brenda	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	OIS
Thomas, Ann	TECHNICAL WRITER-EDITOR	EDO
Tschiltz, Michael	DEP DIR, FUEL FAC LIC DIRECTORATE	NMSS
Wescott, Rex	SR. FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEER	NMSS
Departures		
Hylton, Etoy	LICENSING ASSISTANT	NRR
Rivera, Christian	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	NRO

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

The Japanese earthquake and tsunami disaster.

The safety of spent fuel storage at nuclear power plants.

The NRC's seismic risk study.

NRC presence at several Congressional hearings.

The anniversary of the Three Mile Island accident.

Trace amounts of radioactivity in rainwater found in various locations around the U.S.

A meeting between Region I Administrator Bill Dean and Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick in which they discussed New England reactors.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA did a recorded interview with WBUR-FM, the NPR outlet in Boston, discussing a meeting on New England nuclear power plants between Region I administrator Bill Dean and Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick.

OPA did a phone interview with WPLG-TV in Miami to answer a series of questions about the Combined Operating License application for two additional units at Turkey Point nuclear power plant (Florida).

OPA arranged an interview between the Wilmington Star-News and NRC staff on Global Nuclear Fuel's Integrated Safety Analysis.

OPA did a recorded interview with WYPR radio in Baltimore on the safety of U.S. reactors.

OPA supported various regional public meetings.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
11-059	NRC Advisory Committee on Medical Uses of Isotopes to Meet April 11-12 in Rockville, Maryland, ML110880668 (3/29)
11-060	NRC Issues Final Environmental Impact Statement and Safety Evaluation Reports for Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Power Plants' License Renewal Application (4/1)
11-061	Licensing Board Admits Additional Contentions Regarding Mixed-Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility License Application (4/1)
11-062	NRC Appoints Task Force Members and Approves Charter For Review of Agency's Response to Japan Nuclear Event (4/1)

Regions:	
II-11-011	NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss 2010 Performance of North Anna Nuclear Power Plant (3/29)
II-11-012	NRC Schedules Conference with Tennessee Valley Authority to Discuss Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Issues (3/30)
II-11-013	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss 2010 Performance of Surry Nuclear Power Plant (3/30)
II-11-014	NRC to Discuss Nuclear Fuel Services Co. Performance at Public Meeting in Erwin (3/30)
II-11-015	NRC to Discuss URENCO USA Performance at Meeting in Eunice (4/1)
II-11-016	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss 2010 Performance of St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant (4/1)
II-11-017	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss 2010 Performance of Harris Nuclear Power Plant (4/1)
III-11-003	NRC Schedules Open House for April 5 to Discuss Quad Cities Nuclear Power Plant Performance and NRC Oversight (3/28)
III-11-004	NRC Schedules Open House for April 5 to Discuss Monticello Nuclear Power Plant Performance and NRC Oversight (3/28)
IV-11-009	NRC to Discuss 2010 Performance Assessment for Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant (3/29)
IV-11-010	NRC to Discuss 2010 Performance Assessment for Grand Gulf Nuclear Plant April 13 (4/1)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SRM on SECY-10-0137	03/30/11	Proposed Rule: Requirements for Access Authorization and Physical Protection During Nuclear Power Plant Construction (RIN 3150-A165)
Commission Voting Record on SECY-10-0137	03/30/11	(same)
2. SECY-11-0039	03/18/11	Final Rule: Definition of Construction in 10 CFR Parts 30, 36, 39, 40, 51, 70, and 150
3. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-11-0033	03/24/11	Proposed NRC Staff Approach to Address Resource Challenges Associated with Review of a Large Number of NFPA 805 License Amendment Requests
Information Papers		
1. SECY-11-0041	03/28/11	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending March 18, 2011
Memoranda		
1. M110321	04/01/11	Staff Requirements – Briefing on NRC Response to Recent Nuclear Events in Japan

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Thomas Donahue, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, dated March 22, 2011, responds to request that the Commission agree to implement E.O. 13563, regarding improving regulations and regulatory review.
2. Letter to Billie Pirner Garde, dated March 22, 2011, responds to concerns following the January 24, 2011, Commission briefing on the proposed final safety culture policy statement.
3. Letter to Senator John Barrasso, dated March 21, 2011, responds to the letter to the President concerning uranium recovery licenses in Wyoming now controlled by a Russian corporation.

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4. Letter to Senator Michael Enzi, dated March 21, 2011, responds to the letter to the President concerning uranium recovery licenses in Wyoming now controlled by a Russian corporation.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) revised meeting notice (04/7-9/2011).
2. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on US-Advanced Pressurized Water Reactor, notice of meeting (04/22/2011).
3. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment, notice of meeting (04/20/2011).
4. ACRS, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Advanced Boiling Water Reactor, notice of meeting (04/21/2011).