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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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Boiling Water Reactor Maintenance Training Course

On September 28, 2011, as a result of a full and open competition, a firm fixed price contract (NRC-HQ-11-C-38-0093) was awarded to Westinghouse Electric Company of Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania. The objective of this contract is to present a 5-day training course that will provide NRC inspectors with the technical training necessary to satisfy program requirements in several areas. The period of performance is from September 30, 2011, to September 29, 2012, with three 1-year options. The total value of the contract is \$932,800, inclusive of all options.

Potassium Iodide (KI) Tablets

On September 29, 2011, as a result of a competitive negotiated acquisition, a firm fixed unit price requirements contract (NRC-HQ-11-C-07-0096) was awarded to Anbex, Inc. of Williamsburg, Virginia. This contract will provide for the purchase of KI tablets. The period of performance is from September 30, 2011, to October 15, 2012, with no option periods. The total value of the contract is \$960,613.

High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Piping Integrity Analysis and Support

On September 30, 2011, as a result of a competitive General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule solicitation, a labor hour Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) (NRC-HQ-11-A-04-0027) was awarded to Engineering Mechanics Corporation of Columbus, of Columbus, Ohio. This contract will provide technical and analytical support to develop the technical basis for future regulatory decisions related to the use of HDPE Piping in nuclear power plant safety and non-safety related applications. The period of performance is from September 30, 2011, to September 29, 2012, with two 1-year option periods. The total value of the BPA is \$962,778, inclusive of all options.

Personnel Security Adjudication Tracking System

On September 30, 2011, as a result of a competitive GSA Schedule BPA solicitation, a hybrid type (fixed price and labor hour) BPA (NRC-HQ-11-A-10-0026) was awarded to List Innovative Solutions, Inc. of Herndon, Virginia. This contract will provide for development and implementation of a new Personnel Security Adjudication Tracking System. The period of performance is from October 1, 2011, to September 30, 2012, with four 1-year option periods. The total value of the BPA is \$900,000, inclusive of all options.

Security-Related Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI) Document Review and Redaction Services

On September 30, 2011, as a result of a non-competitive 8(a) solicitation, a labor hour contract (NRC-HQ-11-C-02-0097) was awarded to Infused Solutions, LLC of Sterling, Virginia. This contract will provide technical assistance for security-related sensitive unclassified non-safeguards information documentation and review and redaction services.

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The period of performance is from October 3, 2011, to October 2, 2012, with two 1-year option periods. The total value of the contract is \$863,286, inclusive of all options.

Technical Assistance for Fuel Cycle Facility Licensees and Applicants: Application Reviews and Construction Inspection Support

On September 30, 2011, as a result of a non-competitive acquisition, a cost-plus-fixed-fee type contract (NRC-HQ-11-C-02-0084) was awarded to Southwest Research Institute of San Antonio, Texas. This contract will provide technical assistance for licensing and inspection activities related to fuel cycle facilities. The period of performance is from September 30, 2011, to September 28, 2012, with two 1-year options. The total value of the contract is \$776,137, inclusive of all options.

Technical Editing Assistance for License Renewal Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and Safety Evaluation Report (SER) Documents

On September 30, 2011, as a result of an 8(a) set-aside, an Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity Contract (NRC-HQ-11-C-03-0095) was awarded to BLH Technologies of Rockville, Maryland. This contract will provide for technical editing assistance for license renewal SEIS and SER documents. The period of performance is from September 30, 2011, to September 29, 2015, with no option periods. The total value of the contract is \$569,875.

Translation Services

On September 30, 2011, as a result of a full and open competition, a fixed price requirements contract (NRC-HQ-11-C-10-0104) was awarded to Schreiber Translations, Inc. of Rockville, Maryland. This contract will provide translation services to NRC. The period of performance is from September 30, 2011, to September 29, 2012, with four 1-year option periods. The total value of the contract is \$694,539, inclusive of all options.

Petition for Rulemaking (PRM); Request for Comment, Submitted by Cheri Swensson; Certification of Substance Abuse Experts, 10 CFR Part 26 (PRM-26-7, NRC-2011-0220)

On October 5, 2011, the NRC published for public comment a notice of receipt of a petition for rulemaking (PRM) in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 61625). The PRM was filed by Cheri Swensson (the petitioner) on behalf of the American Academy of Health Care Providers in the Addictive Disorders (the Academy) on May 5, 2011, and supplemented on August 3, 2011. The PRM was docketed by the NRC on September 9, 2011, and has been assigned Docket Number PRM-26-7. The petitioner requests that the NRC amend its regulations to include the Academy as one of the organizations authorized to certify a substance abuse expert. The comment period closes on December 19, 2011.

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Clair, Kenneth	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OIG
Malone, Robert	REACTOR TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR (PWR)	OHR
Piper, Joel	PRESIDENT MANAGEMENT FELLOW	RES
Taylor, Scott	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OIG
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
McGovern, James	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
Naquin, Tyrone	HEALTH PHYSICIST	NMSS

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Meeting

On October 4, 2011, staff attended meetings hosted by NARA. Key topics were NARA's transformation in the Office of the Chief Records Officer and changes to the Federal Records Centers Program. Also covered were records management consulting services, Electronic Records Archives updates, Washington National Records Center facilities/operations status, and a demonstration of the Archives and Records Centers Information System customer portal for records transfers and user management.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of September 30, 2011, through October 6, 2011:

Office of Investigations (OI) report of March 17, 2011, (OI Case No. 4-2010-053)	FOIA/PA-2012-0001
Test results concerning radioactive materials at 1001 College St, Madison, Illinois (i.e. Cherokee Industries, Spectrulite Consortium, Consolidated Aluminum Co., Phelps Dodge Aluminum Corp, and/or Dow Chemical.	FOIA/PA-2012-0002
Environmental sampling of Nolichucky River, Erwin, Tennessee, Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Statement, and/or Finding of No Significant Impact related to Nuclear Fuel Service located at 1205 Banner Hills Road, Erwin, Tennessee.	FOIA/PA-2012-0003
Suspected Tritium Leak at Plant Hatch, documents created or received by NRC since September 27, 2011.	FOIA/PA-2012-0004

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

NRC Commission upcoming meeting October 21, 2011, on North Anna's restart readiness.

Replacement of David Besse (Ohio) reactor vessel head and NRC's planned inspections.

Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant's (Vermont) return to full power after a problem with a reactor recirculation pump and resulting power reduction.

Fukushima Near Term Task Force 45-day report prioritizing its recommendations for U.S. nuclear power plants.

GE Hitachi's filing of a Part 21 report involving boiling water reactor control rods that might not fully insert during certain seismic events due to friction.

October 4, 2011, NRC inspection report on Palisades (Michigan) nuclear plant's service water pump failure that resulted in a plant shutdown in August; and NRC inspection of the Palisades' second recent reactor trip on September 25, 2011, due to electrical problems, and very low amounts of tritium released in steam.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported NRC Chairman Jaczko's October 7, 2011, visit to the Browns Ferry nuclear power plant (Alabama) and an associated media teleconference.

OPA posted "NRC Values" video on YouTube.

OPA posted "How Long Will the NRC Keep North Anna Shut Down?" on NRC blog.

OPA arranged two blogger sessions (webinars/conference calls) October 4, and 6, 2011, that were facilitated by the American Nuclear Society and Physicians for Social Responsibility respectively. Both sessions featured Chairman Jaczko responding to written questions.

OPA supported the North Anna nuclear plant October 3, 2011, exit meeting of the NRC's Augmented Inspection Team that conducted inspections after the August 23, 2011, Virginia earthquake.

OPA supported an October 3, 2011, NRC inspection exit meeting at the Browns Ferry nuclear power plant (Alabama).

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
11-193	NRC Presenting at National Academy of Sciences Meeting October 20, 2011, on NRC-Sponsored Cancer Risk Study (10/7/2011)
11-192	NRC to Discuss North Anna Restart Review October 21, 2011, in Rockville, Maryland (10/7/2011)
11-191	NRC to Inspect Fuel Cycle Facilities on Preparations for Natural Disasters (10/6/2011)
11-190	NRC to Discuss Prioritizing Recommendations of Near-Term Japan Task Force October 11, 2011, in Rockville, Maryland (10/4/2011)
11-189	NRC Sponsors ICRP Symposium October 24-26, 2011 in Maryland on International System of Radiological Protection (10/4/2011)
11-188	Licensing Board to Conduct Hearing October 31, 2011 in Rockville, Maryland, on South Texas Project New Nuclear Reactor Application (10/4/2011)
11-187	NRC Advisory Committee on Medical Uses of Isotopes Teleconference Meeting October 18, 2011 (10/3/2011)
11-186	NRC to Hold Mandatory Hearing Regarding Summer New Reactor Application October 12-13, 2011 in Rockville, Maryland (10/3/2011)
11-185	NRC Completes FY11 Education Grant Awards (10/3/2011)
Regions:	
IV-11-044	NRC Begins Special Inspection of Uranium One USA Uranium Recovery Facility in Wyoming (10/5/2011)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-11-0129	10/3/2011	Final Rule: Requirements for Distribution of Byproduct Material, 10 CFR Parts 30, 31, 32, 40, and 70 (RIN 3150-AH91)
2. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-11-0108	9/12/2011	Regulation of Chemical Security
3. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-11-0106	9/30/2011	Final Rule: U.S. Advanced Boiling-Water Reactor Aircraft Impact Design Certification Amendment (RIN 3150-AI84)
4. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-11-0117	9/15/2011	Proposed Charter for the Longer-Term Review of Lessons learned from the March 11, 2011, Japanese Earthquake and Tsunami
5. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-11-0124	9/30/2011	Recommended Actions to Be Taken Without Delay From the Near-Term Task Force Report
Information Papers		
1. SECY-11-0136	10/3/2011	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending September 23, 2011
2. SECY-11-0137	10/3/2011	Prioritization of Recommended Actions to be Taken in Response to Fukushima Lessons Learned
3. SECY-11-0132	10/7/2011	Revision of the Criteria for Identifying Nuclear Material Licensees for Discussion at the Agency Action Review Meeting

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Representative Roscoe G. Bartlett, dated September 29, 2011, responds to letter regarding concerns about the potential threat to U.S. nuclear reactors from an electromagnetic pulse incident.
2. Letter to Senator Joseph Lieberman and Representative Darrell Issa, dated September 29, 2011, responds to letter regarding issuance of GAO-11-565, Data Center Consolidation: Agencies Need to Complete Inventories and Plans to Achieve Expected Savings.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the Subcommittee on AP1000, notice of meeting (10/18-19/2011, a.m.).
2. ACRS, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal, notice of meeting (10/19/2011, a.m.).
3. ACRS, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Pressurized Power Reactor, notice of meeting (10/20/2011, a.m.).
4. ACRS, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor, notice of meeting (10/21/2011, a.m.).
5. Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Considerations and Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI) and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to SUNSI.
6. Notice of Acceptance of Application for Special Nuclear Materials License from Rapiscan Laboratories, Inc., Opportunity to Request a Hearing, and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to SUNSI for Contention Preparation.
7. Notice of Acceptance of Application for Special Nuclear Materials License from Passport Systems, Inc., Opportunity to Request a Hearing, and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to SUNSI Information for Contention Preparation.