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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
Items of Interest
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Spring Meeting of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board

On June 11, 2009, staff observed the spring meeting of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Board) in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Board heard presentations and discussed high-level waste topics on (1) inventory projections (2) alternatives to disposal other than at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, and (3) research and data needs for very long-term dry storage of spent nuclear fuel. Participants included representatives from the Department of Energy, State of Nevada, Nuclear Energy Institute, Congressional Research Service, Electric Power Research Institute, Transnuclear, Inc., and Dominion Power Company.

European Institutes Information Exchange on High-Level Waste Management

From May 30 to June 6, 2009, staff visited four European research institutes. The staff met with technical experts in the studies of nickel-based alloy corrosion, waste form performance, and radionuclide behavior under geologic repository conditions. The waste forms discussed included high burn-up spent nuclear fuel and high-level waste glass. The goals of the meetings were to obtain new data and exchange views on issues related to this data. The visits were with: Commissariat à l'énergie Atomique, France; Nuclear Research Center, Belgium; and Institute für Nukleare Entsorgung and Institute für Transuranium Elements, Germany.

Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)
Items of Interest
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Region IV Nuclear Materials Program Evaluated

On June 15, 2009, the Management Review Board met to consider the findings of the Region IV Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program review. The Region's nuclear materials program was found satisfactory for all indicators reviewed. Overall, the Region was found adequate to protect public health and safety.

Uranium Milling Requirements Discussed

On June 15, 2009, FSME staff met with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) staff to discuss EPA's plans to broadly revise 40 CFR 192. 40 CFR 192 provides the standards for NRC's Part 40, Appendix A, uranium milling requirements. After 40 CFR 192 is finalized, NRC will conform its regulations on groundwater protection for In Situ Recovery facilities, to meet the revised 40 CFR 192 standards. EPA plans to publish the proposed rule in early 2011.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Knowledge Management: Tools and Methods

On June 9 and 17, 2009, staff from the Information and Records Services Division's Knowledge Management Working Group offered an Information Series workshop entitled *Knowledge Management: Tools and Methods*. This workshop was hosted by the Records and Archives Services Section (RASS). Discussions were held on the status of the records program and the goals it shares with knowledge management. RASS also covered records management methodologies that can apply to knowledge management and showcased the Records Management Toolkit which was presented by staff from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

IRSD Staff Member Attends Special Libraries Association Centennial Conference

On June 15 – 17, 2009, staff from the Information and Records Services Division attended the Special Libraries Association Centennial Conference which was held in Washington, DC. Sessions were held on digitization projects, using Taxonomies in SharePoint databases, measures toolkits for librarians, and a poster session on library marketing. The opening Session keynote speaker was former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Biennial Review of Agency Contracts

On June 16, 2009, the Information and Records Services Division completed the biennial review of agency contracts that provide for the operation of a Privacy Act system of records (any activity associated with the maintenance, collection, use, and/or dissemination of Privacy Act records), as required by the Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-130. This review looked at a random sample of Nuclear Regulatory Commission contracts to ensure that the wording of each makes the provisions of the Privacy Act binding on the contractor and their employees by including by reference Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses 52.224-1, Privacy Act Notification, and 52.224-2, Privacy Act. Of the 23 agency contracts reviewed this year, three required an administrative modification to incorporate the required FAR clauses. A summary report of this review is in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ML091670242).

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Council - Working Group

On June 16, 2009, staff from the Information and Records Services Division participated in a working group of the CUI Council at the NARA, which is the Executive Agency for implementing the Federal-wide CUI framework. The purpose of the meeting was to again discuss and further develop the specified dissemination instructions for information that is not releasable to foreign nationals and to begin discussion on the specified dissemination instructions for intellectual property. The goal of writing the specified dissemination instructions is to standardize them so all agencies can use one specified dissemination instruction. The next meeting of this working group will be on June 30, 2009, to review the draft instruction for intellectual property and begin discussion on the instruction for legal information.

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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of June 12, 2009 through June 18, 2009:

Office of the Inspector General records on named individual	FOIA/PA-2009-0195
NRC licenses SNM-124, Docket 70-143; SNM-42, Docket 70-27; SNM-1227, Docket 1201; SNM-1097, Docket 70-1113; SNM-1107, Docket 70-1151; SUB-0526, Docket 40-3392; SNM-7003, Docket 70-7002; GDP-1, Docket 70-7001; Inspections and NRC billed inspector hours, 2007, 2008, 2009	FOIA/PA-2009-0196
Ammunition purchased in 2008 and cost; number of agents carrying firearms in 2008	FOIA/PA-2009-0197
General Electric/Hitachi Global Laser Enrichment application for license to build and operate facilities regarding advanced laser-based uranium enrichment technology, environmental impact statement	FOIA/PA-2009-0198
Contract NRC0807418, awarded to Advanced Systems Technology and Management, Inc., awarded contract and statement of work	FOIA/PA-2009-0199
Contract NRC0808307, awarded to Advanced Systems Technology and Management, Inc., awarded contract and statement of work	FOIA/PA-2009-0200
Contract NRC0809305, awarded to Qi Tech, LLC, awarded contract and statement of work	FOIA/PA-2009-0201

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Abogunde, Maryann	General Engineer/Scientist (NSPDP)	RI
Adams, William	Sr. Contract Specialist	ADM
Bertman, Jason	Student Management Assistant	RES
Braden, Michael	General Engineer (NSPDP)	NRO
Garcia, Karla	Student Contract Assistant	ACRS
Green, Matthew	Visual Information Spec. (Graphics)	ADM
Heverly, Christopher	Student Management Assistant	RES
Kazi, Abdul	Structural Engineer	NRO
Martin, Starlet	Secretary (OA)	RI
Morgan, Thomas	General Engineer (NSPDP)	NRR
Murry, Maisha	Student Health Physicist	RI
Pando, Jaime	Student Engineer	FSME
Schroer, Suzanne	General Engineer (NSPDP)	NRO
Shen, Song-Hua	Sr. Reliability and Risk Analyst	RES
Thurston, Carl	Reactor Systems Engineer	RES
Wilson, Scott	Health Physicist	RI
Wucher, John	IT Specialist	RES
Departures		
Kelley, Paul	Team Leader	NSIR
Luebbering, Amy	Chemical Engineer	NMSS

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

Investigation at Peach Bottom Nuclear Plant near Lancaster, Pennsylvania concerning former plant personnel failures to report certain arrest information.

Decommissioning funding shortfalls at some of the nation's reactors.

Service water leak at Vermont Yankee Nuclear Plant, located near Brattleboro, Vermont.

Proposed rule changes to emergency preparedness at current and planned units at the Vogtle Nuclear Plant, near Savannah, Georgia.

Botched brachytherapy treatments at the Veteran's Affairs Hospital in Philadelphia.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA supported an Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation meeting with Entergy and discussed a proposal to discuss movement of spent nuclear fuel on site at Indian Point nuclear plant (Buchanan, New York).

The Federal Times interviewed the Director of Human Resources on how the June 11 Office of Management and Budget letter is a start to fixing some of the government's hiring and personnel problems.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
09-111	NRC Commissioner Peter B. Lyons Honored by American Nuclear Society for Outstanding Contributions to the Nuclear Field (6/16)
09-112	NRC Requests Plans from 18 Nuclear Power Plants to Address Apparent Decommissioning Funding Assurance Shortfalls (6/19)
09-113	NRC to Discuss Decommissioning Plan for Fermi Nuclear Plant Unit 1 at Public Meeting June 30 in Monroe, Michigan (6/19)
Regions:	
IV-09-021	NRC to Discuss 2008 Performance Assessment for Comanche Peak Nuclear Plant (6/15)
I-09-033	NRC Names New Resident Inspector at Vermont Yankee Nuclear Plant (6/16)
IV-09-023	NRC Names New Resident Inspector at Columbia Generating Station (6/19)
IV-09-022	NRC Names New Resident Inspector at Wolf Creek Generating Station (6/19)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-09-0088	6/12/09	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending June 5, 2009
2. SECY-09-0082	5/28/09	Update on Reprocessing Regulatory Framework-Summary of Gap Analysis
Memoranda		
1. M090604A	6/17/09	Staff Requirements – Briefing on Digital Instrumentation and Control

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the Materials, Metallurgy, and Reactor Fuels Subcommittee, notice of meeting (07/07/2009).
2. Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Dockets Nos. 50-424 & 50-425, Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to SUNSI for Contention Preparation.
3. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, David B. Kuhl, II (Denial of Senior Reactor Operator License).
4. Proposed rule. Export and Import of Nuclear Equipment and Material; Updates and Clarifications, 10 CFR Part 110.
5. ACRS, Revision to July 8-10, 2009, ACRS meeting - *Federal Register* Notice.

Region II (RII)
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Region II Inspector Counterpart Meeting

From June 16-18, 2009, Region II held an Inspector Counterpart meeting. On June 17, the Executive Director for Operations, and June 18, the Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Management made presentations to the staff.

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Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 14					
OCA Contact	Date & Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses
Riley	06/16/09 342 DSOB	10:00	Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia Subcommittee (Senators Akaka / Voinovich)	Pandemic Flu Preparedness and the Federal Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaine C. Duke – Undersecretary of Homeland Security for Management • Bruce Gellin – Director, National Vaccine Program Office, Office of Public Health and Science, Department of Health and Human Services • Nancy H. Kichak – Associate Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management • Bernice Steinhardt – Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office
Decker	06/16/09 366 DSOB	10:15	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Senators Bingaman / Murkowski)	Comprehensive Energy Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Up
Decker	06/17/09 366 DSOB	9:00	Senate Energy and Natural Resource Committee (Senators Bingaman / Murkowski)	Comprehensive Energy Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Up

Weil	06/17/09 2318 RHOB	10:00	House Science and Technology Committee (Representatives Gordon /	Nuclear Fuel Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Peters – Deputy Associate Laboratory Director, Argonne National Laboratory • Alan S. Hanson – Executive Vice President, Technology and Used Fuel Management, Areva • Lisa Price – Senior Vice President, GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy and CEO, Global Nuclear Fuel • Charles D. Ferguson – Fellow, Science and Technology, Council on Foreign Relations
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