

INFORMATION REPORT

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*No input this week.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Public Meeting with the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) and the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)

On November 23, 2009, the staff conducted a Category 2 public meeting with representatives from the INPO, the Industry Focus Group on Operator Licensing, and the NEI to discuss INPO's proposed changes to the education and experience eligibility requirements for reactor and senior reactor operators contained in INPO's Guidelines for Initial Training and Qualification of Licensed Operators.

Monthly Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Public Meeting

On December 2, 2009, the staff held the monthly ROP public meeting. Agenda topics included updates on reactor inspection and assessment initiatives; possible changes to performance indicator (PI) guidance, including the Mitigating Systems Performance Index; initial agency comparison paper into nuclear power industry PIs; Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs); and discussion regarding how FAQs may be withdrawn and documented.

Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)
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Finalization of NRC/Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

On November 30, 2009, the NRC counter-signed an MOU between the BLM and the NRC, which finalized the MOU. The MOU defined the cooperative working relationship that will be used to support the common goals of each agency's preparation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents related to the extraction of uranium and thorium on public lands administered by the BLM. The MOU will improve interagency communications; facilitate the sharing of special expertise and information; and coordinate the preparation of studies, reports, and environmental NEPA documents. To the fullest extent possible, the NRC and the BLM will participate either as lead agencies, co-leads, or cooperating agencies on the preparation of site-specific environmental documents.

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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Professional Reactor Operator Society; Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking, 10 CFR Part 26 (PRM-26-3, NRC-2009-0482)

On November 27, 2009, the NRC published a document (74 FR 62257) in the *Federal Register* noticing receipt of and requesting public comment on a petition for rulemaking dated October 16, 2009, filed by the Professional Reactor Operator Society. The petitioner is requesting that the NRC amend its regulations that govern fitness for duty programs. Specifically, the petitioner requests that the definition of "unit outage" be changed to "site outage" and be amended to clarify the way licensees schedule manpower on the front and back end of outages. The petitioner believes that the suggested amendment would require licensees to stop past practices that could impact licensees' ability to safely execute future outages and would help to ensure that nuclear utilities continue to perform outages in a safe and efficient manner. The comment period for this action closes February 10, 2010.

Administrative Changes: Clarification of the Location of Guidance for Electronic Submission and other Miscellaneous Corrections; Final Rule, 10 CFR Chapter I (RIN 3150-A173, NRC-2009-0397)

On December 1, 2009, the NRC published an administrative rule (74 FR 62676) amending its regulations to clarify where persons may obtain detailed guidance for making electronic submissions to the NRC, as well as to make other miscellaneous corrections. The rule is effective December 31, 2009.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of November 27 2009, through December 3, 2009:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1, all communications between the NRC and representatives of Exelon Corporation, and among NRC employees, from November 21, 2009, to present	FOIA/PA-2010-0059
Rules, policies, and procedures for retired Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 to obtain identification cards	FOIA/PA-2010-0060

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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ARRIVALS		
Algama, Don	Reactor Systems Engineer	RES
Bamford, Lisa	Senior Program Analyst	RES
Clark, Marilyn	Senior Contract Specialist	ADM
Cooper, Gary	Fire Protection Engineer	NRR
Herr, Michael	Health Physicist	R III
Hixon, Amy	Student Scientist (Co-Op)	FSME
Holston, William	Mechanical Engineer	NRR
Lowman, Donald	Project Manager	FSME
Raynor, Kathleen	Administrative Assistant	ADM
Svoboda, Philip	Information Tech (IT) Spec	FSME
RETIREMENTS		
Bassin, Carolyn	Leadership Development Program Manager	HR
Bennette, Annie	Administrative Assistant	COMM
Hueter, Loren	Health Physicist (Licensing)	R III
DEPARTURES		
Burris, Stephen	Senior Resident Inspector	R II
Schuster, William	Project Manager	NRR

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

Indian Point nuclear plant's unplanned shutdown of reactor Unit 2 on November 2, 2009, in New York.

Preliminary yellow finding issued on November 30, 2009, for Braidwood nuclear plant in Illinois.

Special inspection conducted at Diablo Canyon nuclear plant in California.

Status of the NRC review of the November 14, 2009, fire at the Nuclear Fuel Services facility in Tennessee.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA responded with a Letter to the Editor pointing out the erroneous statement in an article that appeared in San Luis Obispo New Times that a lawyer must be used to intervene in the license renewal process.

OPA coordinated an on-camera interview with Region 1 staff and the WPVI-TV in Philadelphia on the review process for a measurement uncertainty recapture uprate for both reactor units at the Limerick nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
09-192	2009 Statement by NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko on Upcoming Commission Schedule (12/01)
09-193	NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko's Remarks Before a Briefing by the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (12/4)
Regions:	
I-09-047	Exelon Institutes Corrective Actions at Peach Bottom Plant; Other Facilities Under Settlement Agreement with NRC (12/02)
II-09-066	NRC Staff to Meet With Shaw Areva MOX Services to Discuss Performance at Mixed Oxide Facility (12/1)
II-09-067	NRC Schedules Enforcement Conference with Global Nuclear Fuel (12/3)
IV-09-035	NRC Conducting Special Inspection at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant (11/30)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-09-0167	11/12/09	Status of Decommissioning Program—2009 Annual Report
2. SECY-09-0173	12/01/09	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending November 20, 2009
Memoranda		
1. Memorandum and Attachments from Annette Vietti-Cook	12/01/09	Internal Commission Procedures

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. 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.
2. Notice of License Amendment Request of Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, for Approval of Hematite Decommissioning Plan, Festus, Missouri, and Opportunity to Request a Hearing.

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Region II (RII)
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Winter 2009 Inspector Counterpart Meeting

On December 1-3, 2009, Region II held an Inspector and Site Secretaries Counterpart meeting in the office. On December 2, 2009, the Deputy Director for Reactor Safety Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, made a presentation to the staff.

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Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 31					
OCA Contact	Date & Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses
Janbergs	12/02/09 366 DSOB	10:00	Senate Energy and Natural Resources (Senators Bingaman / Murkowski)	Future Legislation (S. 1733) on Policy Options for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ray Kopp – Resources for the Future • Ted Gayer – The Brookings Institution • David Hawkins – Natural Resources Defense Council • Jonathan Banks – Clean Air Task Force • John Alic – Independent Consultant
Weil	12/03/09 366 DSOB	10:00	Senate Energy and Natural Resources (Senators Bingaman / Murkowski)	The American Medical Isotopes Production Act of 2009 (H.R. 3276)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parrish Staples – National Nuclear Security Administration • Kevin Crowley – National Research Council • Roy Brown – Council on Radionuclides and Radiopharmaceuticals