

INFORMATION REPORT

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*No input this week.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
Week Ending November 12, 2010

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel (B&PV) Code Meeting

During the week of November 1, 2010, the staff participated in the quarterly ASME B&PV Code meetings in Vancouver, British Columbia. The staff participated in a number of meetings throughout the week related to Section III of the ASME B&PV Code, which allowed staff to provide agency views and positions on numerous Section III action items to ensure consistency with NRC regulations and policy. Significant topics of discussion during the week's meetings included, but were not limited to, the use of high-density polyethylene piping in safety-related applications and the status of the NRC's ongoing rulemaking efforts related to the revision to 10 CFR 50.55a.

Issuance of the Safety Evaluation Report Related to the License Renewal of Kewaunee Power Station

On November 4, 2010, the staff issued the Safety Evaluation Report (SER) related to the Kewaunee Power Station license renewal application (LRA). The SER addressed the LRA submitted by Dominion Energy Kewaunee, Inc., by letter dated August 12, 2008. The staff performed its review in accordance with Title 10, Part 54, of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, "Requirements for Renewal of Operating Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants." The current license expires at midnight on December 21, 2013. The staff is scheduled to meet with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) in a public meeting to be held on December 2, 2010, to discuss the SER.

Issuance of the SER with Open Items Related to the License Renewal of Salem Nuclear Generating Station

On November 4, 2010, the staff issued the SER with Open Items related to the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2 (Salem) LRA. The SER addressed the LRA submitted by PSEG Nuclear, LLC, by letter dated August 18, 2009. The SER has four open items related to aging management of buried and underground piping, spent fuel pool leakage, metal fatigue, and steam generator tube-to-tubesheet welds. The staff is scheduled to meet with the ACRS Subcommittee in a public meeting to be held on December 1, 2010, to discuss the SER with Open Items.

Office of New Reactors (NRO)
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Scoping Meetings Held on PSEG ESP Application

On November 4, 2010, the NRC hosted environmental scoping meetings at Salem Community College, Carneys Point, New Jersey, on the PSEG early site permit application for a potential new reactor site adjacent to the Salem and Hope Creek generating stations. These meetings consisted of two sessions to present the environmental review process, to answer questions, and to collect comments on the scope of the environmental review. The majority of comments from both civic and environmental groups supported the Early Site Permit, with some concerned citizens citing impacts to the Delaware River. Prior to the public meetings, the NRC met with other Federal and State agencies, and local officials in a government-to-government meeting.

Exemption Granted to South Texas Project

On November 5, 2010, the NRC granted the South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company an exemption from 10 CFR 50.10 to begin construction activities related to the installation of crane foundation retaining walls for Units 3 and 4.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Public Meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on Comparing Integrated Safety Analysis and Probabilistic Risk Assessment

On November 5, 2010, NMSS led a Category 2 public meeting with NEI. The purpose of the meeting was for NRC staff to make a presentation to industry representatives regarding the draft paper comparing Integrated Safety Analyses (ISAs) and Probabilistic Risk Assessments (PRAs), and obtain stakeholder's insight and feedback. The NRC staff indicated that comments on this paper will be accepted by November 19, 2010, and NEI committed to submit a letter to the NRC before the due date. The ISA/PRA comparison paper will be submitted to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards on December 15, 2010.

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Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
None		
Retirements		
Seelig, Claudia	TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	FSME
Departures		
Brusehaver, Susan	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	RIII
Miller, Robert	SENIOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	OIS

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

Status of Commission votes on the Construction Authorization Board's ruling, which held that DOE lacks policy discretion to formally withdraw the Yucca Mountain high-level waste repository license application.

Leakage from a feedwater discharge pipe that led Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant (Vermont) to shut down.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA did a recorded interview with Vermont Public Radio and WFCR-FM regarding the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant (Vermont) shutdown.

OPA participated in a taped interview with KCRG television station from Cedar Rapids about a crack in a recirculation weld at Duane Arnold nuclear power plant (Iowa).

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
10-204	NRC Announces Opportunity to Participate in Hearing on Early Site Permit Application for PSEG Site (11/8/10)
10-205	Federal Agencies, Private Industry Removes Highly Enriched Uranium From Suburban San Diego (11/8/10)
10-206	Licensing Board to Hear Oral Argument Nov. 30 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal (11/10/10)
10-207	NRC Public Meeting November 16, 2010, to Discuss Depleted Uranium Munitions at U.S. Army Installations (11/12/10)
Regions:	
I-10-046	NRC to Seek Public Input on November 17, 2010, on Draft Environmental Reports for Salem, Hope Creek Nuclear Plant License Renewal Applications (11/9/10)
IV-10-036	NRC to Hold Predecisional Enforcement Conference with GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas (11/8/10)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Documents Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-10-0137	10/21/10	Proposed Rule: Requirements for Access Authorization and Physical Protection During Nuclear Power Plant Construction (RIN 3150-AI65)
2. Chairman Jaczko vote and comments	10/27/10	Proposed Rule: Requirements for Maintenance of Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (RIN 3150-A177)
3. SECY-10-0140	10/26/10	Options for Revising the Construction Reactor Oversight Process Assessment Program
Information Papers		
1. SECY-10-0145	11/08/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending October 29, 2010
2. SECY-10-0139	10/26/10	Annual Update on the Status of Emergency Preparedness Activities
Memoranda		
1. M101102	11/8/10	Staff Requirements – Briefing on Equal Employment Opportunity and Small Business Programs.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC, Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating Licenses, and Opportunity for a Hearing and Order Imposing Procedures for Document Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information.
2. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards – Notice of Meeting (12/2-4/2010).