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\*No input this week.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)  
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Meeting with Entergy Operations, Inc.

On November 10, 2010, representatives of Entergy Operations, Inc., and the staff held a meeting to discuss the licensee's request for approval of an analysis related to proposed removal of pressurizer surge line whip restraints in support of its steam generator replacement for Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3. The licensee proposes to use leak-before-break reactor coolant system leak detection analysis to preclude the need to restore certain surge line whip restraints to accommodate a configuration challenge of the replacement steam generator blowdown nozzles, which are 17 inches lower than those in the current steam generators.

Bilateral Meeting with Taiwan

On November 15-18, 2010, the staff participated in a periodic bilateral technical information exchange with the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office. The meetings were held in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Among the topics discussed were Transparency and Openness in Regulation, the Study of Cancer Risk in Populations near Nuclear Facilities, and an Overview of US Safety and Regulatory Issues (ML103210021). No new or unresolved policy issues were presented.

Briefing to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

On November 16, 2010, the staff provided an informational briefing to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards on the status of licensees' transition to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 805. The topics discussed included: Shearon Harris and Oconee, the NFPA 805 pilot plants; fire probabilistic risk assessment; and the issues impacting the transition process.

Public Meeting Regarding Fitness-for-Duty Programs

On November 18, 2010, staff hosted a public meeting to allow interested stakeholders an opportunity to provide NRC information regarding issues identified in the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) request for enforcement discretion from the Minimum Day Off provisions of 10 CFR Part 26, "Fitness-for-Duty Programs."

Fire Protection Meeting on NFPA 805 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

On November 18, 2010, the staff held a Category 2 public meeting with the NEI NFPA Standard 805 Task Force, other stakeholders, and the public, to discuss the FAQs related to licensees' adoption of NFPA 805. The staff began holding these monthly public meetings in July 2006 and expects to continue holding them at least throughout the transition period for the pilot plants adopting NFPA 805.

Meeting with NEI Regarding its NFPA 805 License Amendment Request Template

On November 18, 2010, the staff held a Category 3 public meeting with NEI representatives to discuss NEI License Amendment Request Template for licensees transitioning to NFPA Standard 805

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Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)  
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Performance Assessment Education and Discussion

On November 9–10, 2010, FSME staff participated in a workshop in Salt Lake City, Utah, entitled “Performance Assessment Education and Discussion” that was hosted by the Division of Radiation Control in the State of Utah. The workshop was intended to engage stakeholders in matters related to disposal of low-level radioactive waste in the state, and to allow participants to learn about the essential components of a performance assessment. NRC staff provided an overview of NRC’s performance assessment review process and the 10 CFR Part 61 performance objectives as well as participated in discussions related to scoping for a potential performance assessment for disposal of large quantities of depleted uranium at the *EnergySolutions* low-level waste site in Clive, Utah. Please see the workshop agenda at: [http://www.deq.utah.gov/Issues/energysolutions/docs/110910\\_DRC\\_PA\\_Workshop Final Agenda.PDF](http://www.deq.utah.gov/Issues/energysolutions/docs/110910_DRC_PA_Workshop_Final_Agenda.PDF)

Office of Administration (ADM)  
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Distribution of Source Material to Exempt Persons and to General Licensees and Revision of General License and Exemptions: Extension of Comment Period (NRC-2009-0084, RIN 3150-AH15)

On November 18, 2010, the NRC announced an extension (75 FR 70618) to the comment period on a proposed rule (75 FR 43425, July 26, 2010) to amend its regulations to require that the initial distribution of source material to exempt persons or general licensees be explicitly authorized by a specific license. The proposed rule would also modify the existing possession and use requirements of the general license for small quantities of source material and revise, clarify, or delete certain source material exemptions from licensing. The public comment period for this proposed rule was to have expired on November 23, 2010. The NRC determined a need to develop draft implementation guidance to support this proposed rule and plans to publish such draft guidance no later than early January 2011. In order to allow the public sufficient time to review and comment on the proposed rule with the benefit of review of the draft implementation guidance, the NRC has decided to extend the comment period until February 15, 2011.

Office of Information Services (OIS)  
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Association of Records Managers and Administrators (ARMA) International Annual Conference

On November 7-10, 2010, OIS staff attended ARMA, Int., Annual Conference held in San Francisco, California. As the premier association on managing records and information, this conference was attended by both Federal government and industry professionals. Conference education classes covered such topics as Information Technology, Records and Information Management Practices, Risk Management, Business Functions, Leadership, and Communications and Marketing. OIS can utilize the knowledge gained from best practices and technology tools for managing NRC records and information.

Federal Records Centers Forum

On November 16, 2010, OIS staff attended the bi-monthly National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Federal Records Centers Forum. Attendees were records managers and human resource personnel from Federal agencies. The purpose of the forum was to provide an update and discussion on recent policy changes that will impact the storage and servicing of Official Personnel Folders (OPF) and Employee Medical Folders (EMF) at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC). Each agency is now required to provide payment for all transfers and handling of OPFs and EMFs to the NPRC. OPM will continue to pay for the storage of these records. The new fees will be billed through the current NARA Interagency Agreements with the individual agencies.

NARA Workshop on Multi-Agency Collaborations

On November 17, 2010, OIS staff attended a workshop hosted by the NARA and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The workshop agenda included three case study presentations focused on specific collaborative platforms and a follow-up discussion to identify challenges and best practices. Attendees were asked to join in ongoing collaborative work on OMB's Federal Community application called MAX. NARA will use the discussion threads to determine potential projects related to multi-agency collaborations and social media. OIS will use the information gathered at this workshop to assist in developing retention schedules for systems and applications used by the NRC as well as those shared with other agencies.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of November 12, 2010, through November 18, 2010:

Allegation RIV-2004-A-0027 including all correspondence between named individual & NRC	FOIA/PA-2011-0027
Yucca Mountain, all correspondence between members of Congress & NRC Chairman Jaczko from January 2005 to present	FOIA/PA-2011-0028
Contract NRC-41-10-013 awarded to S. Cohen & Associates, basic awarded contract & statement of work	FOIA/PA-2011-0029
Indian Point 2 - all construction oversight reports, construction inspection reports & construction oversight meeting reports concerning construction, quality control, quality assurance manuals, procedures,	FOIA/PA-2011-0030

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instructions, or other documents or communications re: quality of concrete used in construction	
Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station corrective action documents, Condition Report Disposition Records #3255619 & 3260412	FOIA/PA-2011-0031
Fundamental Classification Guidance Review, NRC records that document NRC's response to date	FOIA/PA-2011-0032

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Office of Human Resources (HR)  
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<b>Arrivals</b>		
Barnes, Anthony	AFFIRMATIVE EMPL. DIVERSITY MANAGEMENT MGR	SBCR
Chaput, Peter	HYDROLOGIST (SURFACE WATER)	NRO
Clarke, Brent	REACTOR OPERATIONS ENGINEER	NRO
DePaula, Sara	MATERIALS ENGINEER	NMSS
Kendzia, Thomas	REACTOR OPERATIONS ENGINEER	NRO
<b>Retirements</b>		
Collins, David	HEALTH PHYSICIST	R-I
<b>Departures</b>		
Boatright, Aleem	HEALTH PHYSICIST	NRR

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.

The Shieldalloy nuclear materials decommissioning site in Newfield, New Jersey.

Contentions regarding the Turkey Point nuclear power plant (Florida) Combined Operating License application.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA spoke with the local CBS affiliate regarding the Turkey Point nuclear power plant (Florida) Combined Operating License proceedings.

OPA facilitated an interview between Platts and an NRC regional official regarding ongoing issues at Honeywell nuclear power plant (Illinois).

<b>Press Releases Issued</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b>	
<a href="#">10-208</a>	NRC Meets Performance Goals; Issues FY 2010 Performance and Accountability Report (11/15/10)
<a href="#">10-209</a>	NRC Announces Availability of Design Certification Renewal Application for Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (11/15/10)
<b>Regions:</b>	
<a href="#">II-10-079</a>	NRC Issues Confirmatory Order to Nuclear Fuel Services (11/18/10)
<a href="#">IV-10-037</a>	NRC to Hold Public Meeting with Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Co. (11/17/10)
<a href="#">IV-10-038</a>	NRC Names New Senior Resident Inspector at Cooper Nuclear Station (11/17/10)