

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 Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)

On November 30, 2010, and December 1, 2010, staff participated in a Category 2 public meeting with representatives from the EPRI Performance Demonstration Initiatives (PDI) program at the Florida Power and Light Company headquarters in Juno Beach, Florida. Topics included: PDI's approach for implementing selected aspects of the ASME Code, Section XI, Appendix VIII, on qualifications for ultrasonic testing (UT) examination, including the status of the qualification of personnel under the PDI program, and a presentation of the ASME non-destructive examination qualification program. Concerns regarding the timing of the adoption of the 2008 Edition of ASME Code Section XI, Appendix XIII, were presented by industry. Discussions also included the resolution path for flaw depth sizing from the inner diameter of large bore piping welds.

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Annual Nuclear Convention

On December 2, 2010, staff participated in the IBEW annual nuclear convention with the purposes of presenting Part 26 Subpart I "Managing Fatigue," (ML103350057) responding to questions, and gathering attendees' input regarding the fatigue management work hour controls.

Meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Regarding its NFPA 805 License Amendment Request Template

On December 2, 2010, staff held a Category 3 public meeting with NEI representatives to discuss NEI License Amendment Request (LAR) Template for licensees transitioning to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 805. This meeting was the last in a series of five public meetings that discussed the LAR Template for NFPA 805.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Follow up Questions for the Mandatory Hearing for AREVA Eagle Rock

On December 3, 2010, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) issued two orders (one public and the other non-public) identifying seven additional questions for the staff and AREVA Enrichment Services (AES) to address. Responses are to be filed with the ASLB by December 13, 2010. Office of General Counsel and Office of Nuclear Material and Safeguards determined that two of the questions require responses from the staff. The remaining five questions are directed to AES. The ASLB is expected to issue an order by December 17, 2010, regarding the topics for presentations and testimony for the hearing.

AREVA AES Eagle Rock Activities

The AES licensing manager was in Idaho Falls last week. AES's preconstruction activities are complete for the season. Over the past month or so, they cleared land and laid gravel on an existing dirt road to provide vehicle access. About five inches of snow has fallen on the proposed site as of last week. AES plans to continue preconstruction activities early next year, beginning with rock blasting in the late January 2011 to early February 2011 timeframe. While in Idaho Falls, the AES team also met with their contractor for procurement and construction to discuss scope of work, deliverables, etc.

The Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has given permission for Rocky Mountain Power to perform geotechnical drilling for borings to support their work on the construction of transmission power lines to the proposed site.

Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)
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Advance Notification to Native American Tribes of Waste Shipments

A proposed rule that would require licensees to provide advance notification to Federally recognized Tribal governments regarding shipments of irradiated reactor fuel and certain nuclear wastes for any shipment that passes within or across their reservations was published for public comment in the *Federal Register* on December 6, 2010 (75 FR 75641). The public comment period ends on February 22, 2011.

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Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
None		
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Fuller, Gabrielle	STUDENT CLERK (CO-OP)	ACRS
Hristopoulos, Theodosios	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	NMSS
Mattox, Deborah	PURCHASING AGENT	R-II

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

A proposed rule on advance notification to tribal governments of spent fuel shipments.

The transfer of control over two uranium recovery licenses in Wyoming held by Uranium One to the new corporate structure controlled by the Russian firm ARMZ.

The proposed renewal of the Davis-Besse (Ohio) nuclear power plant license.

Prairie Island (Minnesota) nuclear power plant's efforts to address human performance issues that have plagued the plant for a year and a half.

The ASLB Order, which set a schedule for depositions and demanded a written explanation from NRC staff on why the Yucca Mountain Safety Evaluation Report will not be published.

Exelon's plan to close the Oyster Creek (New Jersey) nuclear power plant in 2019 rather than build cooling towers.

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA participated in a recorded interview with Michigan Radio about the condensate cleanup tank overflow which took place December 1, 2010, at the Fermi (Michigan) nuclear power plant.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
10-216	NRC Issues Proposed Rule on Advance Notification to Tribal Governments of Certain Nuclear Waste Shipments (12/6/10)
Regions:	
III-10-037	NRC Schedules Public Meeting to Discuss Human Performance at Prairie Island Nuclear Power Plant (12/7/10)
IV-10-039	NRC to Hold Public Meeting on San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (12/7/10)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Documents Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-10-0160	12/10/10	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending December 3, 2010

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congress, dated November 30, 2010, provides NRC's semiannual report on the status of its licensing and other regulatory activities (April through September 2010).

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Notice of renewal of the Charter of the Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel.