

INFORMATION REPORT

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Public Meeting on Diablo Canyon Transition to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 805

On April 11, 2011, the staff held a Category 1 public meeting with Pacific Gas and Electric Company representatives to discuss the transition to NFPA 805 for Diablo Canyon, Units 1 and 2.

Public Meeting on Brunswick, Crystal River, and Robinson Transition to NFPA 805

On April 12, 2011, the staff held a Category 1 public meeting with Progress Energy representatives to discuss the transition to NFPA 805 for Brunswick, Units 1 and 2, Crystal River, Unit 3, and H. B. Robinson, Unit 2.

Public Meeting on Arkansas Nuclear One Transition to NFPA 805

On April 13, 2011, the staff held a Category 1 public meeting with Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., representatives to discuss the transition to NFPA 805 for Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2.

Public Meeting with (NEI) about ACRS Recommendations on NFPA 805

On April 14, 2011, the staff held a Category 3 public meeting with industry and NEI representatives to discuss the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards recommendations regarding NFPA 805 as documented in a letter dated February 17, 2011, and the staggered license amendment request submittals proposed by NEI in a letter dated November 15, 2010.

Public Meeting on Shearon Harris End of Cycle

On April 14, 2011, the staff attended and supported the Shearon Harris end of cycle public meeting in Holly Springs, North Carolina.

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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Preliminary Initial Decision in the Mandatory Hearing for the Safety Review for Eagle Rock License Application

On April 8, 2011, the Atomic Safety Licensing Board (ASLB) issued its preliminary initial decision (PID) (ML110980696) on the mandatory hearing concerning the safety review for the AREVA Enrichment Services (AES) Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility (EREF) license application. The ASLB has concluded that, subject to the resolution of the Board-certified question concerning decommissioning financial assurance and the imposition of a license condition regarding the qualifications of the Nuclear Criticality Safety Manager, the application and record contain sufficient information to support license issuance and the staff's review is adequate. The ASLB has also ordered AES and NRC to indicate whether any portion of Appendix A (ML110980724) to the PID can be publicly released and to provide a redacted version. The PID will constitute a final decision of the Commission within 40 days of issuance (i.e., May 18, 2011), unless a petition for review is filed or the Commission directs otherwise.

Public Meeting on Design Features

On April 11, 2011, the staff led a public meeting with representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and fuel cycle licensees and applicants. The staff discussed the initial thoughts on the use of bounding assumptions and design features for risk assessment in integrated safety analyses. NMSS staff discussed how design features differ from items relied on for safety and how they might be used to meet the regulatory requirements of 10 CFR Part 70. Staff also discussed the similarities of staff's proposed approach and certain text contained in the NEI's January 22, 2010, letter to the NRC. NEI indicated that the information in its January 22, 2010, letter was somewhat outdated and that, based on discussions during the April 11 meeting, NEI would revisit its request to the NRC (as stated in its January 22, 2010, letter). No regulatory commitments were made during the meeting. Meeting slides are available in ADAMS (ML110880130).

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Publication of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.149, "Nuclear Power Plant Simulation Facilities for Use in Operator Training, License Examinations, and Applicant Experience Requirements"

On April 11, 2011, the staff published RG 1.149, "Nuclear Power Plant Simulation Facilities for Use in Operator Training, License Examinations, and Applicant Experience Requirements." RG 1.149 describes methods that the NRC staff considers acceptable for (1) complying with those portions of the Commission's regulations associated with approval or acceptance of a nuclear power plant simulation facility for use in operator and senior operator training and license examination operating tests and (2) meeting applicant experience requirements. RG 1.149 is available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/rg/division-1/division-1-141.html>.

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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Cellular Broadband Internet Access (CBIA)

On March 8, 2011, as a result of a competitive U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) solicitation, a firm-fixed price delivery order (NRC-DR-21-01-011) was awarded to Verizon Wireless of Basking Ridge, New Jersey, for CBIA. The period of performance is from March 8, 2011, through March 7, 2012, with two 1-year option periods to extend the term of the contract. The total estimated ceiling cost is \$125,358.84, inclusive of all options.

Financial Internal Controls Monitoring and Support

On April 7, 2011, as a result of a competitive GSA FSS solicitation, a labor hour task order (NRC-HQ-11-F-09-0001) was awarded to KPMG, L.L.P. of McLean, Virginia, for financial internal controls monitoring and support for the Office of the Chief Financial Officer. The period of performance is April 7, 2011, through October 31, 2011, with four 1-year option periods. The total estimated ceiling for the task order is \$915,898.18, inclusive of options.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of April 8, 2011 through April 14, 2011:

Contract DR-33-07-358 and all related task orders	FOIA/PA-2011-0180
Indian Point Energy Center, Buchanan, New York, current entire emergency plan	FOIA/PA-2011-0181
Union Electric Company, specific letter from counsel to NRC and written communications between Union Electric, Ameren, and NRC reference named individuals duties at Callaway	FOIA/PA-2011-0182
NEI-06-12 Revision 2 "B.5.b. Phases 2 and 3 submittal guideline, Revision 2, Project 689	FOIA/PA-2011-0183
Japan Nuclear Crisis - Any and all documents 3-11-11 thru 4-11-11	FOIA/PA-2011-0184
Investigation report no. 09-023	FOIA/PA-2011-0185
Listing of all general licenses	FOIA/PA-2011-0186
Inspections reports for Fukushima Dai-ichi, Fukushima Daini. Non-Public inspection reports for Diablo Canyon, Indian Point, San Onofre, and Clinton for past 5 years. Diablo Canyon and San Onofre records indicating their reactors designed to withstand a 9.0 earthquake and/or tsunami, and if so what size	FOIA/PA-2011-0187

Office of Human Resources (HR)
Items of Interest
Week Ending April 15, 2011

Arrivals		
None		
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Nguyen, Cung-Ngan	PROJECT MANAGER (CO-OP)	NRR
Silber, Jacqueline	SENIOR ADVISOR FOR CORP SVCS	EDO
Solander, Lars	SENIOR ADVISOR FOR CORP SVCS	EDO

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

The impact of the Japanese earthquake and tsunami disaster on nuclear power plants.

A Massachusetts Supreme Court decision upholding the state's right to regulate Pilgrim nuclear power plant's cooling-water use.

An NRC letter issued to UniStar dealing with the foreign ownership issue for the Calvert Cliffs 3 new reactor project.

A joint petition issued by a group of 45 environmental organizations, asking the Commission to halt all new reactor and license renewal activity during the safety review of events in Japan.

Spent nuclear fuel storage.

Emergency planning zones around nuclear power plants.

A letter from Congressman Markey (D-Massachusetts) that raised concerns about the NRC's Japan-related reviews, including one involving findings being kept in a "secret database."

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the Chairman in interviews with the Associated Press and CNN Piers Morgan on the NRC's response to events in Japan. OPA also provided support for meetings with Publica and the Center for Public Integrity on the topic of fire safety.

OPA facilitated a phone interview between the South County (Rhode Island) Independent and an NRC inspector at the Rhode Island Energy Science Center about the research reactor there.

OPA did an interview with KIDE radio in Hoopa, California, about the status of the decommissioned Humboldt Bay nuclear power plant and its spent fuel.

OPA did radio interviews with:

- KVNO All News Radio in Omaha, Nevada, about the special inspection underway following an incident on April 3rd in which three workers received unplanned radiation exposures during a maintenance procedure at Cooper nuclear power plant (Nebraska)
- KYW-AM news radio (Philadelphia) on the NRC's approval of 1.65-percent power uprates for the two reactors at Limerick nuclear power plant (Pennsylvania)
- WRNI-FM on the oversight of the research and test reactor in Rhode Island

OPA and an NRC senior inspector did interviews with several television stations following the NRC/FEMA public exit meeting in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, regarding the recent emergency exercise at Three Mile Island nuclear power plant (Pennsylvania).

OPA supported annual assessment and open house meetings at Prairie Island nuclear power plant (Minnesota) and Shearon Harris nuclear power plant (North Carolina).

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
11-064	NRC Approves Increased Power Output for Limerick Nuclear Power Plant (4/11)
Regions:	
I-11-006	NRC to Hold Public Meeting on April 28 in Shippingport Pennsylvania, to Discuss Annual Assessment of Beaver Valley Nuclear Plant (4/15)
II-11-018	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss 2010 Performance Assessment for Oconee Nuclear Power Plant (4/14)
II-11-019	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss 2010 Performance Assessment for Vogtle Nuclear Power Plant (4/14)
II-11-020	NRC Schedules Meeting to Discuss 2010 Performance Assessment for Hatch Nuclear Power Plant (4/14)
III-11-008	NRC Schedules Open House for April 28 to Discuss Duane Arnold Nuclear Power Plant Performance and NRC Oversight (4/14)
III-11-009	NRC Schedules Open House for April 28 to Discuss Clinton Nuclear Power Plant Performance and NRC Oversight (4/14)
IV-11-012	NRC Sends Special Inspection Team to Cooper Nuclear Station (4/11)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-11-0042	03/25/11	Revisions to Internal Commission Procedures Section on Mandatory Hearings
Information Papers		
1. SECY-11-0044	03/28/11	Fiscal Year 2010 Results of the Industry Trends Program for Operating Power Reactors
2. SECY-11-0046	03/31/11	Status of the Regulatory Guide Update Program
3. SECY-11-0051	04/14/11	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending April 1, 2011
Memoranda		
1. M110329	04/14/11	Briefing on Small Modular Reactors

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Senators Barbara Boxer and Tom Carper, dated April 8, 2011, responding to letter requesting that NRC perform a thorough review of nuclear power plants, in light of event in Japan.
2. Letter to Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, dated April 8, 2011, responding to letter regarding Japan.
3. Letter to Congressmen Jeff Fortenberry and Adam Sciff, dated April 7, 2011, responds to request that the NRC perform a nuclear proliferation assessment for commercial applications for enrichment and reprocessing technologies

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. None.