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**Office of Administration (ADM)
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**Low-Level Radioactive Waste Regulatory Program: Strategic Assessment Update;
Request for Comment; 10 CFR Part 61 (NRC-2014-0080)**

On May 15, 2014, the NRC published a document in the *Federal Register* ([79 FR 27772](#)) relative to conducting an update to a Strategic Assessment of its Low-Level Radioactive Waste (LLRW) regulatory program. The objective of this assessment is to identify and prioritize activities that the staff can undertake to ensure a stable, reliable, and adaptable regulatory framework for effective LLRW management, while also considering future needs and changes that may occur in the nation's LLRW management system. The staff is seeking comments on developments that would affect the LLRW regulatory program in the next several years that would affect licensees and sited States, as well as actions that the NRC could take to ensure safety, security, and the protection of the environment. Comments are due by July 14, 2014.

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Receipt and Availability of License Renewal Application for Fermi 2

On May 5, 2014, the staff completed its review for receipt and availability of the license renewal application for Fermi 2. The staff received the application from DTE Electric Co. on April 30, 2014, requesting the extension of the respective operating license for an additional 20 years beyond the current 40-year term. The current operating license for Fermi 2 (NPF-43) expires at midnight on March 20, 2025. The staff's review as to the acceptability of the application for docketing is continuing. Acceptance of the application, which would be published in the *Federal Register*, would begin a 60-day opportunity for members of the public to file a request for hearing and/or petition to intervene.

Meeting with Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Operator Licensing Focus Group

On May 6, 2014, staff met with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Operator Licensing Focus Group to discuss mutual items of interest related to the licensing process for nuclear power plant operators. Discussion topics included: grading criteria for simulator operating tests; requalification inspections; reactor operator eligibility requirements; a status update on the Knowledge and Abilities catalogs revision project; closeout of the NEI independent review team recommendations on the initial operator licensing process; and feedback from the NEI/NRC workshop on operator licensing held in January 2014. This meeting was in a series of periodic information exchanges with the NEI Operator Licensing Focus Group, and no new policy issues were identified.

Meeting with Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) for Annual Public Meeting on Training and Qualification

On May 7, 2014, staff met with the Sr. Vice President, Workforce Training, Education and Proficiency, INPO, and members of INPO staff for the annual public meeting on training and qualification. The purpose of the coordination meeting was to discuss INPO and NRC initiatives and issues related to the training and qualification of nuclear power plant personnel. Topics included an update of accreditation activities, INPO initiatives to address workforce proficiency, training-related responses to the accident at Fukushima Dai-ichi, feedback on licensed operator requalification, operator licensing examinations for new reactors, industry activities to improve emergency response capabilities, and an overview of industry learning activities. No new policy issues were identified during the meeting.

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Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Testing to Address Design Vulnerability Described in NRC Bulletin 2012-01

On May 9, 2014, the staff attended an EPRI/TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority) sponsored testing at the Bellefonte site to validate EPRI's Open Phase Protection (OPP) System. The OPP System is designed to detect open phase electrical conditions on industry-recognized types of grounded wye transformers where an open phase under lightly loaded conditions is undetectable by traditional methods. The OPP System was designed to address the design vulnerability described in NRC Bulletin 2012-01, "Design Vulnerability in Electric Power System." Staff from NRC, TVA, EPRI, Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO), and Southern Company observed the test. No issues were identified.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
Items of Interest
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Arrivals		
AUSTIN, KELSI	STUDENT ENGINEER	NRO
BENNETT, JAZMIN	STUDENT ENGINEER	R-II
BLUSIUS, BRIAN	PROJECT MANAGER	NRO
BRIMFIELD, TERRENCE	NUCLEAR ENGINEER	FSME
BUSTAMANTE, CHARLES	SECURITY SPECIALIST	NSIR
CHERESKIN, ALEXANDER	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
GERWITZ, ASHLEY	MANAGEMENT ANALYST	OIG
GLASCOTT, ROBERT	STUDENT ENGINEER	R-III
HAMBURGER, KENNETH	FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEER NSPDP	RES
HANSING, NICHOLAS	GENERAL ENGINEER NSPDP	NRO
HAVERTAPE, JOSHUA	STUDENT ENGINEER	R-III
HOSTETTER, DAVID	SECURITY SPECIALIST	NSIR
HUTCHINS, LAUREN	STUDENT ENGINEER	NSIR
KHAN, MARYAM	PROJECT MANAGER	NRO
KRAUSE, DONALD	REACTOR ENGINEER/RESIDENT INSPECTOR	R-III
MACHADO, ROBERT	STUDENT I T SPECIALIST	R-IV
MCCARY, KELLY	STUDENT ENGINEER	R-IV
PARKER, MEAGAN	STUDENT ENGINEER	NSIR
PORCH, STEPHEN	STUDENT ENGINEER	NSIR
PORTER, IAN	STUDENT ENGINEER	RES
RUFFIN, MYLA	STUDENT ENGINEER	R-II
SINGH, LUCKY	AUDITOR	OIG
SMITH, PHILIP	STUDENT ENGINEER	RES
STOTT, CHAD	PROJECT ENGINEER NSPDP	R-IV
VU, HANG	ELECTRONICS ENGINEER DIGITAL I &A	NRR
WENT, ALLISON	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
BAQUERA, MICA	MATERIALS ENGINEER	RES
HEATH, JERMAINE	REACTOR OPERATIONS ENGINEER	NRO
JONES, CLINTON	RESIDENT INSPECTOR	R-II
RICHARDSON, ALONZO	SECURITY SPECIALIST	NSIR
Retirements		
NONE		
Departures		
HARDY, ALYSON	BUDGET ANALYST	OCFO
MOORE, CARL	OPERATIONS ENGINEER	R-III
QUENNEVILLE, SHERIE	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-I

**Office of Information Services (OIS)
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**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals Received
During the Period of May 09, 2014 – May 15, 2014:**

All records mentioning and/or pertaining to named individuals	FOIA/PA-2014-0245
Copy of intake form for Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Case 11-031	FOIA/PA-2014-0246
Copy of intake form for OIG Case 13-001	FOIA/PA-2014-0247
Access to OIG report, OIG Case 13-029	FOIA/PA-2014-0248
Comprehensive list of names and addresses of all locations with an active NRC license for medical use	FOIA/PA-2014-0249
APPEAL: Denial of fee waiver (FOIA/PA-2014-0209)	FOIA/PA-2014-0019A
APPEAL: Denial of Information (FOIA/PA-2014-0200)	FOIA/PA-2014-0020A
APPEAL: Denial of Information (FOIA/PA-2014-0186)	FOIA/PA-2014-0021A
Rules pertaining to human performance or fatigue at command-center type work environments	FOIA/PA-2014-0250
Copies of any and all records relative to the Neutron Products, Inc. site, from October 2008, to present	FOIA/PA-2014-0251
All records related to NRC's Seabrook Alkali-Silica Reaction Issue Technical Team, condition investigation of concrete degradation at the Seabrook nuclear power plant, and Office of Investigations reports, August 2013, to present	FOIA/PA-2014-0252

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-14-0053	5/9/14	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending May 2, 2014
2. SECY-14-0050	5/13/14	Status of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Response to the Open Government Directive
3. SECY-14-0054	5/15/14	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending May 9, 2014

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Senator Bernard Sanders, et al., dated May 5, 2014, responds to his letter on Modernizing the Decommissioning Plan Process.
2. Letter to Diane Curran dated May 9, 2014, responds to her letter on expedited transfer of spent fuel to dry cask storage.