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For: The Commissioners

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Subject: WEEKLY INFORMATION REPORT - WEEK ENDING
February 8, 2013

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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
Week Ending February 8, 2013

Ansys Software Licenses

On February 1, 2013, a firm-fixed-price contract (GS-35F-0639N/NRC-HQ-13-P-04-0053) was awarded to Ansys, Inc., of Canonsburg, PA, for Ansys software licenses and related maintenance. The period of performance is February 1, 2013, to January 21, 2014, with two 1-year options. The total estimated cost is \$455,012.82, inclusive of options.

Spent Fuel Cask Certificate of Compliance Format and Content; Petition for Rulemaking; Receipt and Request for Comment; 10 CFR Part 72 (PRM-72-7; NRC-2012-0266)

On February 5, 2013, the NRC published a notice of receipt and request for comment for a petition for rulemaking (PRM) in the *Federal Register* (78 FR 8050). The PRM was filed by Anthony Pietrangelo (the petitioner) on behalf of the Nuclear Energy Institute on October 3, 2012. The PRM was docketed by the NRC on October 18, 2012, and assigned Docket No. PRM-72-7. The petitioner requests that the NRC add a new rule that governs the format and content of spent fuel storage cask Certificates of Compliance (CoC), extend the backfit rule to CoCs, and make other improvements that result in “more efficient and effective NRC oversight of dry cask storage activities as well as improved implementation of dry cask storage requirements by industry.” Public comments are due by April 22, 2013.

Addition of South Sudan to the Restricted Destinations List; Final Rule; 10 CFR Part 110 (RIN 3150-AJ21; NRC-2012-0278)

On February 6, 2013, the NRC published a final rule in the *Federal Register* (78 FR 8360) amending its export and import regulations by adding South Sudan to the list of restricted destinations. The amendment was necessary to conform the NRC regulations to U.S. Government foreign policy. The final rule was effective on February 6, 2013.

Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer (OCHCO)
Items of Interest
Week Ending February 9, 2013

Arrivals		
Draxton, Mark	PROJECT ENGINEER	R-I
Livingston, Isaac	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	NRO
Naquin, Tyrone	HEALTH PHYSICIST	NMSS
Prichard, Jerry	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OI
Rovira, Gabriel	IT SPECIALIST (PROJECT MANAGER)	IS
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
Murphy, Martin	BRANCH CHIEF	NRR
Taylor, Scott	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OIG
Tello, Linda	PROJECT MANAGER	NRO

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
Items of Interest Week
Week Ending February 08, 2013

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of February 01, 2013 – February 08, 2013:

Specific reports concerning Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Georgia and Region II on named individual	FOIA/PA-2013-0099
Statements by Region II examiners regarding named individual	FOIA/PA-2013-0100
Copy of contract NRC-DR-10-09-402	FOIA/PA-2013-0101
All documentation on Aurora Project, Idaho, 2007 (referral from Homeland Security)	FOIA/PA-2013-0102
Documents related to the handling and use of asbestos prior to 1975	FOIA/PA-2013-0103
All information regarding purchases listed	FOIA/PA-2013-0104
Final Investigative Report on allegations of work place retaliation on named individual	FOIA/PA-2013-0105
All correspondence authored by or addressed to named NRC staffer concerning Jocassee Dam and/or Oconee nuclear plant	FOIA/PA-2013-0106
Copies of six referenced documents regarding Jocassee dam and Oconee nuclear station	FOIA/PA-2013-0107
Copy of document ML082250166	FOIA/PA-2013-0108
Copy of document ML110740482	FOIA/PA-2013-0109

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Office of New Reactors (NRO)
Items of Interest
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Revised Schedule Issued for Levi Combined License Application

On January 24, 2013, the staff issued a letter to Progress Energy Florida that revised the schedule for issuing the final safety evaluation report for the Levy Units 1 and 2 combined license application. The revised issuance date of September 2013 is based on the applicant providing timely and complete information to support the staff's review in several areas where applicant submittals are pending.

Preliminary Amendment Request for Vogtle Units 3 and 4 and Summer Units 2 and 3

On January 29, 2013, NRC sent letters to Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC), Inc. and South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (SCE&G) (the licensees for Vogtle Units 3 and 4, and Summer Unit 2 and 3, respectively) that reflected "no objection" to the licensees proceeding with the installation of the proposed plant changes identified in the Preliminary Amendment Requests (PARs) dated January 22 and 24, 2013. The PARs were limited to installation, testing, and quality control activities associated with the nuclear island basemat structure. SNC and SCE&G acknowledged in their requests that they will not pour the nuclear island basemat concrete until they each receive NRC approval of the related license amendments submitted earlier.

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1 License Renewal Safety Evaluation Report with Open Items

On January 31, 2013, the staff issued the Safety Evaluation Report (SER) with Open Items related to the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1 license renewal application. By letter dated October 28, 2011, Entergy Operations Inc., submitted an application requesting the extension of the Station's operating license for an additional 20 years. The SER contains four open items related to: (a) the evaluation of operating experience to ensure that the One-Time Inspection – Small-Bore Piping Program will adequately manage the effects of aging American Society of Mechanical Engineers Code Class 1 small-bore piping, (b) the management of material due to erosion by the Service Water Integrity Program, (c) the evaluation of future operating experience to ensure that the aging management programs will remain effective for managing the effects of aging during the period of extended operation, and (d) the calculation methods used in the neutron fluence analysis.

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Office of Public Affairs (OPA)
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OPA received significant media inquiries on the following:

Preventative measures nuclear plants are taking to prepare for Nemo the nor'easter

Revised schedule of Seabrook plant's (NH) license renewal application; sirens heard near the plant were part of a planned emergency drill

Duke's announcement of Crystal River plant's (FL) pending decommissioning

Point Beach plant's (WI) unusual event due to the loss of power in Unit 1

Review of Limerick plant's (PA) license renewal application; Exelon's update of the Evacuation Time Estimates for the plant

Enforcement letter to Exelon relating to inaccurate information on their decommissioning funding status reports for a number of plants

Response to Pilgrim Watch press release seeking the shutdown of Pilgrim plant (MA) prior to winter storm Nemo; downpower at plant as a result of a leak in a safety relief valve

Sen. Boxer and Rep. Markey's letter to the Chairman saying that Southern California Edison and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries had knowledge of design issues with their steam generators before they were installed

National Marine Fisheries Service's Biological Opinion detailing the impact on the Atlantic and short nose sturgeon if the Indian Point plant (NY) is relicensed; status of the plant's license renewal application

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following activities:

- Facilitated Miriam Cohen's phone interview with Federal News Radio about government staff morale

- Taped interview with Michigan public radio and provided information to the Toledo Blade (OH) concerning the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's decision to hold a hearing about the protection of the endangered eastern fox snake in the Fermi (MI) COL review

OPA Social Media Items:

Blog:

- New England's Nuclear Power Plants Ready for Nemo
- Stakeholder Input to Revised Enforcement Policy – Value Added!

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Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
13-008	NRC, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Issue Final Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Fermi 3 Reactor (02/07/2013)
13-007	Nader L. Mamish Named Director, Office of International Programs (02/06/2013)
13-006	NRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Elects 2013 Leadership and Confirms Meeting Schedule (02/04/2013)
Regions:	
IV-13-005	NRC Names New Resident Inspector at Arkansas Nuclear One Power Plant (02/08/2013)

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ENCLOSURE F

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
 Items of Interest
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. COMGEA-12-0001/ COMWDM-12-0002	11/5/12	Proposed Initiative to Improve Nuclear Safety and Regulatory Efficiency
SRM on COMGEA-12-0001/ COMWDM-12-0002	2/6/13	(same)
Commission Voting Record on COMGEA-12-0001/ COMWDM-12-0002	2/6/13	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-13-0012	1/25/13	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending January 18, 2013
2. SECY-13-0014	2/5/13	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending January 25, 2013

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, Crow Butte Resources, Inc., (Marsland Expansion Area) Docket No. 40-8943-MLA-2.
2. Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving Proposed No Significant Hazards Considerations and Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguard Information and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information, [NRC-2013-0023].
3. Request to Amend a License to Import Radioactive Waste.
4. Request to Amend a License to Export Radioactive Waste.