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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
Items of Interest
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Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2008-21, Issuance of LIC-109, "ACCEPTANCE REVIEW PROCEDURE," Issued

On September 2, 2008, the staff issued RIS 2008-21, ISSUANCE OF LIC-109, "ACCEPTANCE REVIEW PROCEDURES." The NRC is issuing this regulatory issue summary to inform addressees of the issuance of a new procedure (LIC-109, "Acceptance Review Procedures") within NRR regarding acceptance reviews. LIC-109 prescribes timeliness for the staff's performance of the acceptance review and promotes consistency in the criteria against which the staff will evaluate a requested licensing action to determine its acceptability for review.

NRC Draft Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) Public Meeting

On September 3, 2008, the staff met with NEI in a Category 2 Public Meeting to discuss draft RIS, "Staff Position on Extension of the Containment Type A Test Interval Beyond 15 Years under Option B of Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50." The staff agreed to consider the comments received from NEI regarding the language of the examples of justifications cited in the RIS.

Onsite Audit of the Aging Management Program of Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2

During the week of September 8, 2008, the staff performed an onsite audit at Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Prairie Island) in support of the staff's review of the Prairie Island license renewal application. The on-site audit focused on the applicant's aging management programs which are required to demonstrate whether the effects of aging will be adequately managed during the period of extended operation. While onsite, the staff reviewed the applicant's documents and interviewed applicant staff. The applicant's management was briefed on the results of the audit at the exit conducted on September 11.

Generic Fundamentals Examination (GFE)

On September 10, 2008, NRC successfully administered the GFE to 152 license operator applicants in 17 utilities across all four Regions. The GFE measures applicant knowledge in components, reactor theory, and thermodynamics, and is the first examination that license operator applicants must take and pass before they can proceed to their site-specific training and subsequently take the NRC site-specific license examination.

Meeting with Boiling Water Reactor Owners Group (BWROG) on Suction Strainer Activities

On September 10 and 11, 2008, the staff met with BWROG to discuss their activities relating to suction strainers at BWRs. For the September 10, 2008, meeting with senior NRC management, the BWROG described their plans, including their expected timeline of activities for investigating and addressing any identified issues associated with BWR suction strainers over a 3-year period. The September 11, 2008, meeting with the NRC technical staff focused on the BWROG's plans related to in-vessel downstream effects; specifically on coolant

blockage due to debris, cladding deposition, and effects on peak cladding temperature. It was agreed that the BWROG should continue to interact with the staff (e.g., provide their plans and walk down guidelines) so that potential issues can be identified and resolved as early in the process as possible.

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Office of New Reactors (NRO)
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Vendor Inspection at Enertech Brea, California Facility

From September 15 through 18, 2008, staff conducted an inspection at the Enertech facility located in Brea, California. Enertech is a Division of Curtiss-Wright Flow Control and is a major supplier of safety-related ASME Code valves, safety-related pumps (including spare parts, upgrades, maintenance, etc.), large bore and pipe support snobbery, pneumatic actuators, motors, safety-related instrumentation, diagnostic and test equipment, and service, repair, and engineering services to the nuclear power industry.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Signed With Army Corps of Engineers (Corps)

On September 12, 2008, the NRC and the Corps signed an MOU which establishes a framework for early coordination and participation among the agencies to facilitate the timely review of proposed nuclear power plant applications. The MOU establishes a commitment to early agency involvement; proactive participation and informal communication throughout the review process; sharing of information gathered, considered and relied upon by each agency; and, if requested, interagency participation in public hearings.

Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)
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Public Meetings Held on Uranium Milling Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement

On September 8, 9, and 11, 2008, staff held public meetings in Gallup, Grants, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss and accept public comments on the draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement for Uranium Milling Facilities (Draft GEIS). The Draft GEIS was made available for public comment on July 28, and the public comment period is scheduled to close on October 7.

Low-Level Waste Forum

On September 11 and 12, 2008, staff made presentations at the Low-Level Waste (LLW) Forum meeting in Annapolis, Maryland. The LLW Forum facilitates State and Interstate compact implementation of the Federal Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendment Act. It also fosters information sharing among State, Compact, and Federal officials. Commissioner Jaczko, as well as several Congressional staff members, also made presentations on LLW-related issues.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 3031 (DG-3031), "Standard Format and Content for the Health and Safety Sections of License Renewal Applications for Uranium Processing and Fuel Fabrication"

On September 9, 2008, the staff issued the subject DG to provide an opportunity for public comment. This is proposed Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 3.52, which endorses NUREG-1520 as an acceptable format and content for license renewal applications for fuel cycle facilities. DG-3031 is available on the NRC website at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/fuels-materials/draft-index.html>.

Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 0020 (DG-0020), "Guide for the Preparation of Applications for Licenses to Process Source Material"

On September 10, 2008, the staff issued the subject DG to provide an opportunity for public comment. This is proposed Revision 3 to Regulatory Guide 10.4, which endorses NUREG-1556 as an acceptable method of applying for a license to process source material, or requesting a revision to a source material processing license. DG-0020 is available on the NRC website at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/general/draft-index.html>.

Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR)
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Potassium Iodide Distribution

On September 10, 2008, NRC accepted the offer from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the transfer of HHS' potassium iodide tablets to the NRC. NRC will send the tablets to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as part of the replenishment of existing State stockpiles.

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Office of Administration (ADM)
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Criminal Penalties: Unauthorized Introduction of Weapons (RIN3150-AI31, 10 CFR Part 73)

On September 3, 2008, the NRC published a document (73 FR 51378) in the *Federal Register* proposing to amend its regulations to authorize the imposition of Federal criminal penalties on those who, without authorization, introduce weapons or explosives into specified classes of facilities and installations subject to the regulatory authority of the NRC. This action is necessary to implement Section 229, "Trespass on Commission Installations" of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. The comment period for the proposed rule closes on October 20, 2008.

Amendment to 10 CFR 50.55

On September 10, 2008, the NRC published a final rule in the *Federal Register* to amend 10 CFR 50.55a to incorporate by reference the 2004 Edition of Division 1 of Section III of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code*; the 2004 Edition of Division 1 of Section XI of the ASME BPV Code; and the 2004 Edition of the ASME *Code for Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants* (OM Code). These ASME Codes provide requirements for constructing and inspecting components and testing pumps and valves in light-water nuclear power plants. This action is in accordance with the NRC's policy to periodically update § 50.55a to incorporate new editions and addenda of the ASME Codes by reference.

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Video: Inside the NRC Posted to Public Website

On September 8, 2008, the NRC posted the video *Inside the NRC* to the Public Website under *About NRC*. The video was requested by the Office of Public Affairs to inform the public about the history of the NRC from its inception as the Atomic Energy Commission.

Protection of High Risk Information Meeting

On September 10, 2008, staff attended a meeting of the local Gaithersburg Chapter of the Association of Records Managers and Administrators International. Presentation topics included protecting high-risk information and how to combine a comprehensive information mapping process with a risk-based scoring framework. This will help identify and prioritize information systems across the enterprise in order to enable an organization to identify where high-risk data resides and how well it is managed.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of September 4, 2008 through September 11, 2008:

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| Name, title, mailing address, facsimile number, e-mail for the following: HR director, Civil Rights director, EEO Directors, Labor Relations Directors, etc. | FOIA/PA-2008-0317 |
| Yaffe Iron & Metal Co., Inc. and/or Yaffe Iron & Metal Corp., Muskogee County, Oklahoma, explosion occurring December 28, 2004 | FOIA/PA-2008-0318 |
| Employment, job performance or character of named individual and all notes by NRC employees with State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, regarding named individuals applications to NRC during 2007, all written materials | FOIA/PA-2008-0319 |

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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| Arrivals | | |
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| CARDONA MORALES, PEDRO | REACTOR ENGINEER (NSPDP) | RIII |
| CAVE, CHRISTINE | QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM ANALYST | SBCR |
| CHURCH, ASHLEY | OFFICE AUTOMATION ASSISTANT | NSIR |
| CLAY, EARNESTINE | ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (TEAM LEADER) | RIV |
| DAVIS, JEFFREY | JUDICIAL EXTERN | ASLBP |
| DEJESUS, ANTHONY | TECHNICAL INFORMATION SPECIALIST | OGC |
| DERR, KATHRYNN | SECRETARY (OA) | FSME |
| DIFRANCESCO, NICHOLAS | PROJECT MANAGER | NRR |
| DITTMAN, BERNARD | ELECTRONICS ENGINEER (DIGITAL I&C) | NRR |
| FARNAN, MICHAEL | MECHANICAL ENGINEER | NRR |
| FITZPATRICK, ROBERT | ELECTRICAL ENGINEER | NRO |
| GALSTER, CHRISTINE | ACCOUNTANT | CFO |
| GEORGE, MATHEWS | PROJECT MANAGER | FSME |
| HANNUM, KARYN | MANAGEMENT ANALYST | NRR |
| HARDESTY, DUANE | PROJECT MANAGER | NRR |
| HASKELL, RUSSELL | REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER | NRR |
| HEARD, ROBERT | IT SPECIALIST (CUSST) | OIS |
| JACOBS, EMILY | SECRETARY (OA) | RI |
| JIMINEZ, JUAN | GENERAL ENGINEER | RES |
| LAKE, RUSSELL | MECHANICAL ENGINEER | NRR |
| MAHONEY, MICHAEL | PROJECT MANAGER | NRR |
| MAZAIKA, MICHAEL | PHYSICAL SCIENTIST (METEOR.) | NRO |
| MOSSMAN, TIMOTHY | ELECTRONICS ENGINEER (DIGITAL I&C) | NRR |
| MURDOCK, DARRELL | ELECTRICAL ENGINEER | RES |
| NEWPORT, CHRISTOPHER | PROJECT ENGINEER | RI |
| PARK, SUNWOO NMN | STRUCTURAL ENGINEER | NRO |
| PICCIRILLO, DARREN | TECHNICAL ASSISTANT | RES |
| PROCTOR, CHRISTOPHER | GENERAL ENGINEER (NSPDP) | NRO |
| RANDALL, ANGELA | IT SPECIALIST (CUSST) | OIS |
| RILEY, JEFFREY | SECRETARY (OA) | ADM |
| RIVAS, AUDREY | PROGRAM ANALYST (ACQUISITIONS) | OIS |
| SADOLLAH, MOHAMMAD | PROJECT MANAGER | NRO |
| SCHILLER, ALINA | PLANNING & SCHEDULING ANALYST | NRO |
| SCHWARZKOPF, MICHAEL | GENERAL ENGINEER/SCIENTIST | RII |

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| WEIMER, STEPHANIE | STUDENT ENGINEER | NRR |
| WRIGHT, MEGAN | LAW CLERK | ASLBP |
| WYMAN, STEPHEN | ELECTRONICS ENGINEER (DIGITAL I&C) | NRR |
| YILMA, HAIMANOT | PROJECT MANAGER | FSME |
| Departures | | |
| AIRD, DWINESE | SECRETARY (OA) | FSME |
| HAMRICK, STEVEN | ATTORNEY | OGC |
| MALLOY, MELINDA | SR. PROGRAM MANAGER | EDO |
| RICHARDSON, VINCENT | STUDENT COMPUTER SCIENCE SPECIALIST | RIII |
| SAKREKOFF, MATTHEW | SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST | OIG |
| TOKAR, MICHAEL | CONSULTANT | FSME |

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

NRC Commission response to an appeal of an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) ruling rejecting the admission of a new contention on reactor nozzle fatigue at Oyster Creek nuclear power plant (New Jersey); oral arguments session

NRC response to Westchester County's challenge in federal court of NRC license renewal regulations at Indian Point nuclear power plant (New York); extension of review schedule for license renewal application

Response to Wyoming governor's letter to the Chairman expressing regret about the schedule delay for issuing the final Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Uranium Recovery

Docketing decision on the Yucca Mountain application and the adoption of DOE's Environmental Impact Statement (Nevada)

Approval of license renewal application at FitzPatrick nuclear power plant (New York)

NRC proposed fine for violations concerning the loss of two unused iodine-125 seeds at Washington University Medical Center (Missouri)

NRC monitoring activities of Hurricane Ike

ASLB receipt of Joint Interveners Request to Admit a New Contention to complete Units 1 and 2 at Bellefonte nuclear power plant (Alabama); admission of two groups as interveners and four contentions

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA Region II coordinated an interview with WHQR, a public radio station in Wilmington, North Carolina, concerning the NRC's special inspections of the plant's four emergency diesel generators at the Brunswick nuclear power plant in North Carolina.

OPA supported an interview with Jim McDermott and the Federal News Radio program "Ask the CHCO [Chief Human Capital Officer]" regarding human capital issues.

OPA supported an interview between NRC Chairman Klein and the Associated Press while on campus at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, covering topics on new reactors, security and workforce development.

| Press Releases | |
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| Headquarters: | |
| 08-167 | NRC Announces Appointment of New Members to the Advisory Committee on Medical Uses of Isotopes (9/10) |
| 08-166 | NRC Renews Operating License of FitzPatrick Nuclear Plant for an Additional 20 Years (9/9) |
| 08-165 | NRC Permanently Bars Contractor From Many Activities, Restricts Other NRC-Licensed Functions (9/9) |
| 08-164 | NRC Dockets Yucca Mountain Application, Adopts DOE's Environmental Impact Statement (9/8) |
| Regions: | |
| I-08-051 | ASLB Panel to Hear Oral Arguments on September 18 in Toms River, New Jersey, Regarding Oyster Creek License Renewal (9/11) |
| I-I-08-050 | NRC Assigns New Resident Inspector to Hope Creek Nuclear Plant (9/10) |
| II-08-047 | NRC Schedules Regulatory Conference with Duke Energy to Discuss McGuire Nuclear Plant (9/12) |
| III-08-034 | NRC Proposes \$3,250 Fine Against a Missouri University for Violations of NRC Regulations (9/11) |
| III-08-033 | NRC Begins Special Inspection of the Department of Veterans Affairs Due to Multiple Medical Events (9/9) |
| IV-08-037 | NRC Proposes \$3,250 Fine for Alaskan Company, R&M Engineering - Ketchikan, Inc. (9/12) |
| IV-08-036 | NRC Monitoring Approach of Hurricane Ike (9/12) |

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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| Document Released to Public | Date | Subject |
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| Decision Documents | | |
| 1. SRM-M080908 | 09/05/08 | Staff Requirements: I. SECY-08-0094 – U.S. Department of Energy (High Level Waste Repository) DOE’s Partially Unopposed Motion for Protective Order Governing Classified Information (Filed May 30, 2008); II. SECY-08-0121 – U.S. Department of Energy (High Level Waste Repository: Pre-Application Matters), Docket No. PAPO-00- The DOE’s Notice of Appeal From the PAPO Board’s April 23, 2008 Order and Nye County’s Motion to File an Amicus Curiae Brief – SRM-SECY-08-0082 |
| 2. SRM-SECY-08-0029 | 09/10/08 | State-of-the-Art Reactor Consequence Analysis-Reporting Offsite Health Consequences |
| Commission Voting Record on SECY-08-0029 | 09/10/08 | (same) |
| 3. COMPBL-08-0002/ COMGBJ-08-0003 | 08/26/08 | Economic Consequence Model |
| SRM-COMPBL-08-0002/ COMGBJ-08-0003 | 09/10/08 | Economic Consequence Model |
| 4. SRM-SECY-08-0115 | 09/11/08 | Proposed Rule: 10 CFR 51.22, Criterion for Categorical Exclusion; Identification of Licensing and Regulatory Actions Eligible for Categorical Exclusion or Otherwise Not Requiring Environmental Review (RM# 644) |
| Commission Voting Record on SECY-08-0115 | 09/11/08 | (same) |
| Information Papers | | |
| 1. SECY-08-0126 | 09/10/08 | Weekly Information Report – Week Ending August 22, 2008 |

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Senator Russell Feingold, dated August 31, 2008, responds to letter concerning acquisitions related to the "Buy American Act."
2. Letter to Congresswoman Jane Harman, dated August 29, 2008, responds to letter regarding the use and licensing of devices containing cesium chloride.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, FPL Energy Seabrook LLC (Seabrook Station, Unit 1).
2. Request for a License to Import Radioactive Waste, UniTech Services Group, Inc., Application No. IW026.
3. Southern Nuclear Operating Company, et al., Notice of Hearing and Opportunity to Petition for Leave to Intervene and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Safeguards Information for Contention Preparation on a Combined License for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4, Docket Nos. 52-025 and 52-026.
4. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Materials, Metallurgy & Reactor Fuels, notice of meeting (10/01/2008).

Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
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| CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 28 | | | | | |
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| OCA Contact | Date & Place | Time | Committee | Subject | Witnesses |
| Decker | 09/11/08 2322 RHOB | 10:00 | House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality (Representatives Boucher / Upton) | Electric Grid and Cyber-Security Threats | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TBD |
| Shane | 09/11/08 2154 RHOB | 2:00 | House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia (Representatives Davis / Marchant) | Relaxing Restriction on Government Employees Seeking Elected Office | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rep. Bart Stupak, D-MI ▪ Jack Maskell – Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service; Brue Wyngaard – Operations Director, Ohio Civil Service Employees Association, AFSCME Local 11, AFL-CIO ▪ Anthony Guglielmi – Director, Congressional Public Affairs, U.S. Office of Special Counsel; Neil A.G. PcPhie – Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board |
| Shane | 09/12/08 G-50 DSOB | 9:30 | Senate Energy and Natural Resources (Senators Bingaman / Domenici) | Sponsor an all-day Summit to Facilitate the Development of Comprehensive Legislation to Address the Energy Challenges Facing the Nation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TBD |

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