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Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME)
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Meetings Held on Proposed GE-Hitachi Global Laser Enrichment Facility

On May 19, 2009, FSME and the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards staff held two public meetings to solicit public comments on the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed General Electric-Hitachi Global Laser Enrichment facility. The facility would be built on the existing General Electric-Global Nuclear Fuels America site near Wilmington, North Carolina. Staff discussed the processes for the safety and environmental reviews. Also during the week, staff met with local elected officials and State agencies and visited the proposed facility.

Staff Meets with Yukon River Intertribal Watershed Council (YRITWC)

On May 19, 2009, FSME staff and management met with members of the YRITWC, located in Alaska's Yukon River Watershed, to discuss their expectations for future communications and communications protocols with NRC. The Council has followed closely Toshiba's interest in, and technical presentations to NRC regarding, development of its proposed 10 megawatt 4S reactor. The town of Galena, Alaska, has expressed an interest to Toshiba in being considered as a possible location for the 4S reactor.

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES)
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NRC Staff Participates in the International Workshop on Defense-in-Depth for Electrical Systems

From May 12-14, 2009, staff from the Offices of RES, Nuclear Reactor Regulation, and New Reactors participated in the Committee on the Safety of Nuclear Installations (CSNI) Defense-in-Depth for Electrical Systems and Grid Interaction Workshop at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Headquarters in Paris, France. The purpose of the workshop was to share the findings from the Lessons Learned Task Group that was formed in response to the major electrical event on July 27, 2006, at Forsmark-1 nuclear station in Sweden. A final report on the lessons learned from the Forsmark event along with the feedback from this workshop will be published by the Nuclear Energy Agency/CSNI by the end of 2009. Continued NRC participation in future working groups or technical meetings in the electrical design area will enhance future collaborations in (1) onsite power system robustness, (2) coping with electrical transients, (3) electrical grid risk management, and (4) control system robustness. The next meeting is planned for September 2009.

Publication of Draft Regulatory Guide 1237 (DG-1237) "Guidance on Making Changes to Emergency Plans for Nuclear Power Reactors"

On May 19, 2009, RES staff issued DG-1237 to provide an opportunity for public comments. This is a proposed new regulatory guide that provides guidance on the implementation of 10 CFR 50.54(q), "Conditions of Licenses," with respect to making changes to emergency response plans for nuclear power reactors. DG-1237 is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/draft-index.html>.

Interoffice Seismic Retreat

On May 20, 2009, RES staff held a seismic retreat as a preliminary step to develop an information basis for updating the NRC Seismic Research Program Plan. RES staff presented brief snapshots of over 20 ongoing research projects. The participants then engaged in open discussion about the projects' objectives, products, schedule, and responsiveness to user need requests. The participants (particularly those from the user office) were asked to identify additional issues or needs and potential mid-project redirections. The retreat was attended by 35 earth scientists and engineers from RES, NRO, NRR, and the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

Meeting with National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

On May 20, 2009, the Director, RES and other RES managers met with representatives of NASA to discuss areas of possible mutual research interest between NASA and NRC. Topics included risk/reliability, uncertainty analysis, precursor analysis, fire, digital instrumentation and control, safety metrics and goals, decision criteria and safety culture issues. In the future, NRC plans to utilize the "NASA-NRC MOU [Memorandum of Understanding] for Collaborative

Research in Risk and Reliability Analysis Methods and Applications” to the maximum extent possible in all the areas discussed with NASA.

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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Managing Electronics Records 2009 National Conference

From May 17 – 20, 2009, staff from the Information and Records Services Division attended the 2009 Managing Electronic Records (MER) Conference held in Chicago, Illinois. The conference addressed the issues and challenges of managing electronic records from the three perspectives of operational, legal, and technical. The sessions provided innovative solutions by presenting case studies and best practices on items such as new methodologies for records retention development and implementation, strategic planning for comprehensive records management, the governance challenge of MS SharePoint, email and instant message management, electronic discovery, and metadata management.

Controlled Unclassified Information Council - Working Group

On May 19, 2009, staff from the Information and Records Services Division participated in a working group of the Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Council at the National Archives and Records Administration, the Executive Agency for implementing the Federal-wide CUI framework. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and further develop the specified dissemination instructions for export controlled information and to begin discussion on the specified dissemination instructions for security information (SI). Specified dissemination instructions will make it so that all agencies can use one specified dissemination instruction for each type of information rather than develop their own instruction. The group determined that there were only a few types of security information that would need a specified dissemination instruction and the CUI Office could develop what was needed without further input from the group. The next meeting of this working group will be on June 2, 2009, to review the draft instruction for security information and begin discussion on the instruction for information not releasable to foreign nationals.

National Archives and Records Administration Information Sessions

During the month of May 2009, Information and Records Services Division staff have been attending the National Archives and Records Administration information sessions on the Archives and Records Centers Information System (ARCIS) for Washington National Records Center (WNRC) customers. These sessions have included brief updates on how the system has been deployed at other centers, a general overview on changes the new system will bring for WNRC customers, and a question and answer period. ARCIS will be the mechanism used by the NRC to request retrieval of paper records and is also being considered as a possible replacement for the current system which tracks paper records and box locations.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of May 15, 2009 through May 21, 2009:

Energy Solutions site, Clive, Utah, communications between NRC and Utah State officials regarding the potential suitability for disposal of depleted uranium	FOIA/PA-2009-0167
Allegation 4-2009-033, text of allegation, transcripts, witness statements, etc.	FOIA/PA-2009-0168
Table listing of earthquake magnitude-intensity relationship curve and b-value plot for recent earthquakes in New York and adjacent areas, 1978	FOIA/PA-2009-0169
Measurement of airborne tritium releases by James A. Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant and Nine Mile Point 1 and 2, all records since first placed in operation	FOIA/PA-2009-0170
Case 4-2007-008, copy of Exhibits 2 and 3	FOIA/PA-2009-0171
Commission's decision to allow depleted uranium and other materials not currently classified Class A to be considered as Class A	FOIA/PA-2009-0172

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Breedlove, Daniel	Student Engineer	RES
Brockman, Monnie	Secretary (OA)	RII
Burleson, Kelly	Student Communications Specialist	ASLBP
Coleman, Christopher	Student Engineer	RII
Collins, Travis	Student Engineer	RES
Cruz-Perez, Luis	Student Engineer (Co-Op)	NMSS
Davis, Kyra	Student Engineer	FSME
Gibson, James	Student Electrical Engineer (Co-Op)	NRO
Gilbertson, Anders	Student Engineer	RES
Guarnieri, W. Peter	Student Law Clerk	OGC
Janbergs, Holly	Congressional Affairs Assistant	CA
Janis, Daniel	Student Program Analyst (Co-Op)	CFO
Jenkins, Kevin	Student Financial Analyst (Co-Op)	CFO
Juris, Krista	Student Facilities Security Specialist (Co-Op)	ADM
Lamb, David	Student Engineer	NRR
Lemoncelli, Mauri	Attorney	OGC
Lynch, Steven	Student Engineer	FSME
Marquez, Stephanie	Student Engineer	RIV
Mendez Gonzalez, Sandra	Student Engineer (CO-OP)	RII
Montgomery, Jonathan	Reactor Engineer (NSPSP)	RII
Owens, Olemule	Student Engineer (Summer Fellow)	RII
Powers, Ross	Student Engineer	NRO
Riley, Marcus	Student Engineer (COOP)	RII
Rivera-Sanchez, Aixamar	Student Budget Analyst	FSME
Sathyamoorthy, Vidya	Student Management Analyst	OIG
Skaggs Ryan, Teresa	Student Engineer	RIV
Stewart, Mei-Chanda	Student Engineer	NRR

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Strickland, Duane	Operations Engineer	RIV
Tornabane, John	Student Analyst	OIG
Wellinghoff, Claire	Student Scientist	FSME
White, Jason	General Scientist (Meteorologist)	NRR
Whited, Jeffrey	Student Engineer	NRR
Woodall, Lauren	Student Law Clerk	OGC
Woods, Mary	Student Facilities Security Assistant	ADM
Yates, David	Student Engineer	RES
Departures		
Buddenbohn, Kennard	Reactor Operations Engineer	NRR
Cerna, Ingeborg	Secretary (OA)	OIP
Lieto, Ralph	ACMUI Member	FSME
McGaughey, James	Senior Management Analyst	OIG
Shea, Lisa	License Fee Analyst	CFO
Williamson, Michael	Health Physicist	NRO

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

NRC is awarded second time in a row as the best place to work in the federal government among large agencies

Decommissioning funding for Vermont Yankee nuclear plant near Brattleboro, Vermont

Impact of U.S. district ruling in Utah on the NRC's review of EnergySolutions' application to import low-level waste imports from Italy

NRC's role in responding to a recent unplanned shutdown at the Prairie Island Nuclear power plant, near Red Wing, Minnesota

NRC's recent issuance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Beaver Valley nuclear power plant, near McCandless, Pennsylvania, license renewal application

Other Public Affairs Items

OPA set-up and worked with key staff to provide a telephone conference interview with leading newspaper reporters to discuss the state of fire protection issues at NRC.

OPA supported a public scoping meeting for the GE-Hitachi's application for a laser enrichment facility at the GE/Global Nuclear Fuels site near Wilmington, North Carolina.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
09-091	NRC to Hold Public Meeting June 4 in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on Environmental Review for Proposed Enrichment Plant (5/22)
09-090	NRC Issues Supplemental Safety Evaluation for Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station License Renewal (5/21)
09-089	NRC Meetings June 10 in Oswego, New York, to Discuss Environmental Review for Nine Mile Point New Reactor Application (5/21)
09-088	NRC Announces Opportunity to Request Hearing on License Renewal Application for Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (5/20)
09-087	NRC Ranked Best Place to Work in the Federal Government for Second Time (5/20)
09-086	NRC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to Meet June 3-5 in Rockville, Maryland (5/19)
09-085	NRC Issues Final Environmental Impact Statement for Beaver Valley Nuclear

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	Power Plant License Renewal (5/19)
09-084	2009 NRC Seeking Comments on Proposed Rule Amending Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Licensed Nuclear Facilities (5/18)
Regions:	
I-09-030	NRC to Discuss Annual Assessment for Oyster Creek Plant at Public Meeting Set for May 28 in Toms River, New Jersey (5/20)
III-09-019	NRC Schedules Open House to Discuss Nuclear Power Plant Issues and 2008 Performance of D.C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant (5/20)
III-09-018	NRC to Discuss 2008 Performance Assessment for Fermi Nuclear Power Plant May 27 5/20)
III-09-017	NRC to Discuss 2008 Performance Assessment for Palisades Nuclear Power Plant May 26 (5/18)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Information Papers		
1. SECY-09-0072	05/15/09	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending May 1, 2009
2. SECY-09-0074	05/18/09	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending May 8, 2009
Memoranda		
1. M090518	05/18/09	Staff Requirements – Affirmation Session: I. SECY-09-0046 – Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. (Shearon Harris Energy and NRC Staff Appeals from LBP-08-21; NC WARN’s Motion to Hold the Proceeding in Abeyance; II. SECY-09-0058 – Crow Butte Resources, Inc. (License Renewal), LBP-08-24 and LBP-08-27 (Staff and Applicant Appeals of Order Granting Hearing)
2. M090423	05/20/09	Staff Requirements – Briefing on Radioactive Source Security

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Congress, dated May 15, 2009, provides NRC’s report on the status of its licensing and other regulatory duties.
2. Letter to Senator Byron Dorgan and Representative Peter Visclosky, dated May 11, 2009, provides the report on the status of the NRC’s fire safety requirements for nuclear power reactors.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Tennessee Valley Authority, Notice of Receipt of Update to Application for Facility Operating License and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 2 and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Safeguards Information for Contention Preparation, Docket No. 50-391, NRC-2008-0369.
2. Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, Detroit Edison Company, Fermi Power Plant (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation).

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3. Corrected Notice of Establishment of ASLB, Detroit Edison Company, Fermi Power Plant (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation).
4. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on ESBWR, notice of meeting (06/17-18/2009).

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Office of Congressional Affairs (OCA)
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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SCHEDULE, NO. 10					
OCA Contact	Date & Place	Time	Committee	Subject	Witnesses
Decker	05/19/09 2247 RHOB	9:00	House Oversight and Government Reform Government Management, Organization, and Procurement Subcommittee (Representatives Watson / Bilbray)	Federal Information Security	• TBA
Weil	05/19/09 138 DSOB	10:15	Senate Energy and Water Development Energy and Water Development Subcommittee (Senators Dorgan / Bennett)	Fiscal 2010 Appropriations: Energy and Water	• Steven Chu – Secretary of Energy
Riley	05/19/09 2123 RHOB	TBA	House Energy and Commerce (Representatives Waxman / Barton)	Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction	• Markup
Decker	05/19/09 366 DSOB	2:15	Senate Energy and Natural Resources (Senators Bingaman / Murkowski)	Comprehensive Energy Policy	• Markup, scheduled to include Nuclear Energy and Cybersecurity Provisions
Decker	05/20/09 342 DSOB	9:30	Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (Senators Lieberman / Collins)	Committee Business	• Markup, including bill on Federal Telework Program • Nominations, including David F. Heyman to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security and Cass R. Sunstein to be Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB

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