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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions: Semiannual Regulatory Agenda; 10 CFR Chapter I

On February 13, 2012, the NRC published its semiannual regulatory agenda in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 8078) in accordance with Public Law 96-354, "The Regulatory Flexibility Act," and "Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review." The agenda is a compilation of all rules on which the NRC has recently completed action or has proposed or is considering action. This issuance updates any action occurring on rules since publication of the last semiannual agenda on July 7, 2011 (76 FR 40204).

Guidance for Decommissioning Planning During Operations: Draft Regulatory Guide: Re-Opening of Comment Period; 10 CFR Parts 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, and 72 (NRC-2011-0286)

On February 15, 2012, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 8751) re-opening the public comment period for DG-4014, "Decommissioning Planning During Operations." DG-4014 describes a method that the NRC staff considers acceptable for use in complying with the NRC's Decommissioning Planning Rule. The notice requesting comment on the draft guide was published on December 13, 2011 (76 FR 77431), with a public comment period ending on February 10, 2012. Comments are now due by March 30, 2012.

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
None		
Retirements		
None		
Departures		
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Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of February 10, 2012 through February 16, 2012:

License 21-32510-01 for Charles Artinian, M.D. in Shepherd, Michigan	FOIA/PA-2012-0141
Most recent effluent report of the Ginna Nuclear Power Plant	FOIA/PA-2012-0142
All records relating to the August 2011 Goliath Grouper fish dying at the FPL-St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant	FOIA/PA-2012-0143

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
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Vogtle Peer Review

During the week of February 13, 2012, the staff observed the fire Probabilistic Risk Assessment peer review at Vogtle in support of the pilots for risk-informed technical specification initiative 4B and 10 CFR 50.69.

Acceptance of License Renewal Application (LRA) for Callaway Plant, Unit 1

On February 14, 2012, the staff completed the acceptance review of the license renewal application for Callaway Plant, Unit 1 (Callaway). The staff determined that the application contains sufficient information for docketing. On December 19, 2011, the staff received the license renewal application from Union Electric Company, requesting the extension of the operating license for an additional 20 years beyond the current 40-year term. Callaway is a pressurized-water reactor designed by Westinghouse with a current operating license that expires at midnight on October 18, 2024. The staff plans to hold public information sessions at Fulton, MO, on March 14, 2012, to describe the license renewal process and accept scoping comments for the environmental review. Acceptance of the LRA, which is published in the *Federal Register*, begins a 60-day opportunity for members of the public to file a request for hearing and/or petition to intervene.

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

The continued U.S. use of boiling water reactors with Mark I containments.

The press release regarding the information request to 11 plants with pressurized water reactors using Westinghouse fuel codes that contain a flaw regarding the fuel's thermal conductivity degradation.

The press release announcing NRC's approval of the Exelon-Constellation merger, and approval with conditions by the Maryland Public Service Commission.

The petition for rulemaking calling for expanded Emergency Planning Zones.

The "greater than green" security violation issued to the Prairie Island nuclear plant (MN).

The Commission affirmation session scheduled for next week on Pilgrim nuclear plant (MA); the upcoming report from the Union of Concerned Scientists on "near misses" at U.S. nuclear plants.

The Palisades nuclear plant (MI) moving to the Degraded Cornerstone Column.

The budget justification report.

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following media interviews and events:

- Interview of Mary Drouin of Research by NHK about Probabilistic Risk Analyses.
- Interview of two NRR staffers by a reporter for Congressional Quarterly regarding NRC's effort to protect endangered species.

OPA issued 2 blog posts:

- NRC Talking Research Next Week in Virginia, Pennsylvania.
- NRC Ranked as a "Top 20" Government Agency in "CAREERS & the disABLED" Magazine.

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
12-017	NRC Requests Information from 11 Nuclear Plants Regarding Fuel Performance During Accidents (02/17/2012)
12-016	NRC Approves Exelon-Constellation Merger, Indirect Transfer of Five Nuclear Power Plant Licenses (02/16/2012)

12-015	NRC Issues Summary of Agency Performance and Financial Information for 2011 (02/15)
12-014	NRC Proposes FY 2013 Budget To Congress; Detailed Budget Justification Report Available (02/13)
Regions:	
II-12-002	NRC Schedules Conference with FPL for Feb. 21 to Discuss Apparent Violations (02/14)
III-12-006	NRC Cites Palisades for Three Violations; Public Meeting Scheduled (02/14)

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Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. Chairman Jaczko's vote and comments on SECY-12-0011	2/10/12	Data Collection Regarding Patient Release
2. SRM on SECY-11-0108	2/15/12	Regulation of Chemical Security
Commission Voting Record on SECY-11-0108	2/15/12	(same)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-12-0016	1/30/12	2011 Annual Report on Commission Adjudication
2. SECY-12-0023	2/09/12	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending February 3, 2012
3. SECY-12-0020	2/01/12	Fifth Report on the Status of Reactivation of Construction and Licensing for Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 2
Memoranda		
1. M120209A	2/13/12	Briefing on Status of Outreach and Educational Efforts with External Stakeholders Related to the Safety Culture Policy Statement

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Honorable Edward J. Markey, dated February 10, 2012, responds to letter regarding the recent release of the results of a NRC investigation of an August 9, 2011 shutdown of the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant.
2. Letter to Honorable Ichiro Fujisaki, Richard Reed, Jim Zumwalt, dated February 10, 2012, provides invitation to participate in an NRC program entitled "One Year Commemoration of Events at Fukushima Dai-ichi".

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Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Meeting of the Subcommittee on U.S. Advanced Pressurized Power Reactor, notice of meeting (03/22-23/2012).
2. ACRS, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Power Uprates – Revision to 2/23/2012, notice of meeting (02/24/2012).
3. ACRS, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Reliability and PRA, notice of meeting (02/21/2012).
4. ACRS, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Reliability and PRA, notice of meeting (03/07/2012).
5. ACRS, Meeting of the Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulics Phenomena, Revision to 02/22/2012, notice of meeting (cancelled).
6. ACRS, notice of 592nd meeting (03/08-10/2012).