

INFORMATION REPORT

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ARRIVALS		
CURRY, IAN	LAW CLERK	ASLBP
FISHMAN, STEPHANIE	LAW CLERK	ASLBP
GARRETT, ASHLEY R	MANAGEMENT ANALYST	OIG
DEPARTURES		
CORBETT, CHERESE (NOTE: LEFT 8/19/2019)	MATERIALS ENGINEER (CO-OP)	RES
FRANCISCO, CHRISTOPHER J	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	NRR
SKILLMAN, GORDON	ACRS MEMBER	ACRS
ULSES, ANTHONY P	SENIOR REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	NRR
WEIL, LAURA M	ACMUI MEMBER	NMSS
RETIREMENTS		
CENTENO BAUZA, RAFAEL E	IT SPECIALIST	OCIO
CLAYTON, BEVERLY A	LICENSING ASSISTANT	NRR
GILMER, JAMES	REACTOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER	NRO
GOLLA, JOSEPH A	PROJECT MANAGER	NRR
MCDONALD, GEORGE	SENIOR REACTOR ANALYST	R-II
PERRY, NEIL S	SENIOR RESIDENT INSPECTOR (PWR/TL)	R-I
PRESBY, PETER A	SENIOR OPERATIONS ENGINEER	R-I
TANNENBAUM, ANITA M	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-IV
WHARTON, L R	SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	NMSS

Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act (PA) Requests and Appeals
Received During the Period of August 26 – August 30, as submitted by requester

Tracking Number	Requester's Name	Requester's Organization	Request Description	Received Date
2019-000408	Sana Memon	Corporate Research and Investigations Ltd	Employment verification of named individual.	08/28/2019
2019-000409	Lyla Gray-Etherson	Property Solutions, Inc.	Any documentation on what materials are, or have been, utilized or stored at Flex - R&D Building and Hittman Materials & Medical Components, Inc., 9190 Red Branch Road, Columbia, Howard County, MD 21045, as well as any compliance documentation.	08/28/2019
2019-000410	Jeremy Munson		All documents related to named individual desk audit, specifically (but not limited to) emails or other correspondence pertaining to this audit, its findings, potential outcomes, and ultimate decisions.	08/28/2019

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Information Notice to Inform Byproduct Materials Licensees of the Results of a Staff Assessment on the Potential Need for Cyber Security Requirements

On August 20, 2019, the staff issued IN 2019-04, "Effective Cyber Security Practices to Protect Digital Assets of Byproduct Material Licensees" (ADAMS Accession No. ML18044A350), to inform licensees of the results of an assessment conducted by the staff on the potential need for cyber security requirements for byproduct materials licensees and to communicate effective cyber security practices to protect digital assets.

Public Meeting to Discuss Newly-Developed Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) Methods

On August 21, 2019, the staff held a public meeting with representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and the Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group (PWROG) to continue discussions on industry's proposal for newly-developed PRA methods. NEI's proposal would allow licensees to leverage industry's peer-review of PRAs to adopt newly-developed methods and obviate the need for some licensing amendment requests. Staff and industry discussed and agreed on various accomplishments for three short-term tasks (endorsement of NEI 17-07, endorsement of a PWROG guidance document, and adjusting several internal processes to accommodate NEI proposal) and two longer-term tasks (updating RG 1.200 on an expedited basis and enhancing the Reactor Oversight Process to address needs of risk-informed initiatives). The staff plans to complete all short-term tasks in fiscal year 2019 with completion of all tasks by May 2020.

Staff Approves the Transfer of the Operating Authority of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station from Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. to Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC

On August 22, 2019, the staff issued an Order (ADAMS Accession No. ML19170A147) approving the direct transfer of the operating authority of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (Pilgrim) from Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. to Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC (HDI), and the indirect transfer of control of the Renewed Facility Operating License for Pilgrim, as well as the general license for the Pilgrim Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation, to HDI. The staff also granted an exemption for HDI and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. to use the decommissioning trust fund for spent fuel management and site restoration. The Commission is currently considering two requests for hearing to intervene in the request for the order and associated conforming amendment.

Risk-Informed Steering Committees Public Meeting

On August 22, 2019, the NRC and industry Risk-Informed Steering Committees (RISCs) participated in a public meeting to continue discussions on risk-informed areas of interest. The NRC staff and industry had discussions on the topics of risk-informed licensing, fire probabilistic risk assessment realism, high energy arc faults, treatment of FLEX in risk informed decision making and human reliability analysis, and new probabilistic risk assessment methods. Both RISCs discussed alignment of priorities and the organizational capacity to address each issue. The NRC and industry both agreed that there has been great progress on risk-informed decision-making efforts in the past few years. Overall, the meeting was well attended.

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Staff Issues License Amendments for Risk Informed Completion Times to Farley Units 1 and 2

On August 23, 2019, the staff issued amendments for Joseph M. Farley, Units 1 and 2, approving the use of Risk Informed Completion Times in accordance with NEI 06-09, "Risk Informed Technical Specification Initiative 4b, Risk Managed Technical Specifications (RMTS) Guidelines" (ADAMS Accession No. ML19175A243). The Farley amendments follow the Vogtle 4b pilot program and, as a result, were the first 4b initiatives to be completed within 1 year of the acceptance review.

Staff Issues Information Notice to Alert Medical Licensees of Potential Patient Contamination Risks Associated with Therapeutic Treatments with Iodine-131

On August 26, 2019, the staff issued IN 2019-06, "Patient Skin Contamination Events Associated With I-131 MIBG During Neuroblastoma Treatments" (ADAMS Accession No. ML19240A384), to alert medical licensees of potential patient contamination risks associated with therapeutic treatments with iodine-131 meta-iodobenzylguanidine. This IN requires no action or written response on the part of an addressee.

Staff Issues Information Notice to Alert Medical Licensees of the Possibility of Significant Pressure Build-Up in High Specific Activity Alpha-Emitting Sources

On August 26, 2019, the staff issued IN 2019-05, "Potential Over-Pressurization of High Specific-Activity Alpha-Emitting Radioactivity Sources" (ADAMS Accession No. ML19240A320), to alert medical licensees of the possibility of significant pressure build-up in high specific activity alpha-emitting sources, such as americium-241 or plutonium-240, caused by radiolysis and production of hydrogen. This IN requires no action or written response on the part of an addressee.

**Office of the Secretary (SECY)
Items of Interest
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Document Released to Public	Date of Document	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-19-0078	08/09/19	Request by Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. for Exemptions from Certain Emergency Planning Requirements for the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station
Information Papers		
1. SECY-19-0082	08/26/19	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending August 16, 2019
2. SECY-19-0083	08/29/19	Weekly Information Report - Week Ending August 23, 2019

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to the Honorable Edward J. Markey, responds to his letter regarding the adequacy of the safety culture at Tennessee Valley Authority nuclear power plants, dated August 21, 2019.

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