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Employment Ads Begin

Mid-April—50th Annual Buyers Guide June—Special Section on Health Physics and Isotopes & Radiation

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Power

Nuclear Regulatory Commission renews Seabrook operating license. Utah legislators support UAMPS-NuScale project. Pennsylvania bill aims to keep nuclear power plants operating. Pilgrim returned to Licensee Response column of NRC's Reactor Oversight Process action matrix ahead of plant closure. Southern Company reports progress on Vogtle-3 and -4 construction project. Final maintenance and refueling outage begins at Indian Point-3. Tennessee Valley Authority's integrated resource plan considers future small modular reactors. (See also Call for Papers, pp. 55–57, for the 2019 ANS Winter Meeting & Expo, November 17–21, Washington, D.C.)

International

Finnish government issues operating license for Olkiluoto-3. Bulgaria takes first step toward relaunch of Belene project. Canadian Nuclear Laboratories reports progress in small modular reactor siting process. United Kingdom's Nuclear Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre opens new Midlands R&D and innovation center. Russia's Rosatom launches construction manager training program.

Waste Management

Report by Department of Energy's Office of Inspector General raises questions regarding strategy for vitrified waste canister storage at Savannah River Site. DOE cancels liquid waste contract solicitation for Savannah River Site. New spent fuel buckets increase canister capacity at Idaho National Laboratory dry storage facility. Petitions filed in proceeding for Pilgrim license transfer from Entergy to Holtec for decommissioning. National Academies report says new technologies are needed to accelerate cleanup of DOE sites. Government Accountability Office: DOE's Office of Environmental Management should revise cleanup policy.

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Meetings

CONTE 2019: Training for the future

Fuel

TRISO-X fuel fabrication pilot line dedicated at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Uranium Energy Corporation receives final Burke Hollow permit; other news. ALX Uranium Corporation to acquire interest in Close Lake project; other business developments.

Isotopes & Radiation

National Nuclear Security Administration to negotiate cooperative agreements for molybdenum-99 production. NRC proposes fines, bars radiographer for one year. International Atomic Energy Agency installs \$3-million medical linear accelerator at Seibersdorf laboratories.

Research

DOE launches Versatile Test Reactor project at Idaho National Laboratory. DOE to award \$30 million for tokamak research.

Industry

GSE Systems acquires DP Engineering; other business developments. Framatome signs contracts for Palo Verde, Wolf Creek; other pacts.

Standards

Three standards approved, one standard withdrawn.

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