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NRC OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT ISSUES ANNUAL REPORT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of Enforcement has issued its Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2001. The report describes enforcement activities that occurred during that time, addressing significant policy changes, new initiatives, staff guidance and implementation issues for the agency's enforcement program.

The report also includes summaries of enforcement cases and actions taken by the Commission against licensed nuclear facility owners and users of nuclear materials. It includes two policy revisions, 89 escalated Notices of Violation without civil penalties, 20 proposed civil penalties, and 18 orders, five of which imposed civil penalties.

The NRC's enforcement program continues to emphasize the importance of compliance with regulatory requirements, and to encourage prompt identification and comprehensive correction of violations.

A copy of the enforcement program annual report is available through the NRC's Electronic Reading Room, at www.nrc.gov, as an Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) document, accession number ML02050035. Help in using ADAMS is available from the NRC Public Document Room, telephone: 301-415-4737 or 1-800-397-4209.

The annual report also will be available on the Enforcement home page when it is restored to the NRC's redesigned web site, which is tentatively scheduled to debut sometime during the first quarter of the year. Questions about the annual report should be directed to Renee Pedersen of the Office of Enforcement at 301-415-2742.

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