

Office of Public Affairs
Items of Interest
Week Ending January 9, 2004

Media Interest

Reports that nuclear engineers were deployed undercover in four major U.S. cities over the New Year's holiday looking for signs of a "dirty bomb," as the nation remained on Orange alert. Late in the week, the alert was lowered to Yellow.

Safeguards Information about security at Vermont Yankee nuclear plant in the 1990s wound up in the public domain.

A shipment of highly enriched uranium from Russia was mistakenly delivered to the wrong fuel cycle facility here in the United States, although there was no threat to public safety or security.

Operators of the troubled Davis-Besse nuclear plant in Ohio request a delay in the NRC's restart inspection after some employees neglected proper procedures during a test run.

Dow-Jones News Services is comparing the French and U.S. approaches to reactor vessel head degradation.

Press Releases	
Headquarters:	
04-001	NRC Announces the Availability of License Renewal Application for Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant (1/8)
Regions:	
II-04-002	Oral Argument on Duke's Application to Use Mixed Oxide Nuclear Fuel Scheduled for January 15 in Charlotte (1/8)
III-04-002	NRC Staff to Discuss an Apparent Violation Associated with Emergency Classifications at Point Beach (1/9)
III-03-003	NRC Staff Seeks Input on Dresden Draft Environmental Report for License Renewal (1/9)
IV-04-001	NRC Staff to Meet with Energy Northwest to Discuss Columbia Generating Station Issues (1/5)
IV-04-002	NRC Proposes \$6,000 Fine for Cooperheat-MQS, Inc., of Houston, Texas (1/6)

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