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In the News Today... September 7, 2004

The New York Times ran an article by Rory Kennedy, director of the HBO documentary "Indian Point: Imagining the Unimaginable," advocating closure of the plant. 9/5; <http://www.nytimes.com>. Stories about the HBO documentary also ran in The Post-Standard, www.syracuse.com, and the New York Daily News, www.nydailynews.com.

The Journal (New York) News reports that an NRC probe has concluded the steel and concrete casks at Indian Point nuclear power plants can store 1,275 tons of radioactive waste now held in cooling pools. 9/6; <http://www.nyjournalnews.com>.

The Journal (New York) News reports that the Indian Point nuclear power plants are seeking NRC permission to increase electrical output. 9/6; <http://www.nyjournalnews.com>.

The Miami Herald reports that Florida Power & Light is beginning to tackle the huge task of restoring power after Hurricane Frances and that early reports indicate the St. Lucie nuclear power facility, which remains "offline," sustained no damage. 9/6; <http://www.miami.com>. A similar story ran in the Tallahassee Democrat, <http://www.tallahassee.com>.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for D.C. will not reconsider an earlier court ruling that threw out an EPA radiation safety guideline for the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository, the Associated Press reports in the Las Vegas Review Journal. 9/4; <http://www.reviewjournal.com>.

The Portsmouth Herald reports that the Seabrook Station nuclear power plant has asked the NRC for permission to increase power output. 9/3; <http://www.seacoastline.com>.

The Star Tribune ran an editorial criticizing Xcel Energy for attempting to extend the life of its Minnesota nuclear power plants. 9/4; <http://startribune.com>.

The San Francisco Chronicle reports that experts believe a "dirty bomb" detonated in the U.S. is "almost inevitable," while a sidebar looks at the fact that the U.S. insurance industry won't provide coverage for such an attack. 9/5; <http://www.sfgate.com>.

Over the next 16 years, China plans to build plants that will more than double their nuclear generation, according to the Dow Jones

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Newswires in The Wall Street Journal. 9/6; <http://online.wsj.com> .

The South Korean government-owned utility Korea Electric Power Corp is in talks with China to build nuclear power generators, according to the Dow Jones Newswires in The Wall Street Journal. 9/6; <http://online.wsj.com> .

Officials from the U.S., South Korea and Japan have agreed to stop construction on nuclear reactors in North Korea for a second year, but stopped short of scrapping the project, Reuters reports. 9/6; <http://www.reuters.com> .

The New York Times reports that a South African engineer has been charged with buying materials for, and assembling, gas centrifuges to purify uranium. 9/4; <http://www.nytimes.com> .

Law enforcement officers raided the Kansai Electric Power Co. offices at the site of last month's fatal accident as part of a criminal investigation, according to the Dow Jones Newswires in The Wall Street Journal. 9/4; <http://online.wsj.com> .

The New York Times reports on an interview with the president of South Korea's nuclear research institute where Chang In Soon repeated that the uranium enrichment recently revealed was a one-time "academic test." 9/7; <http://www.nytimes.com> .

In a move to reduce tensions, Iran has agreed in principle to renew a freeze of some sensitive nuclear activities, Reuters reports. 9/7; <http://www.reuters.com> .

A reporter's tour of Iran's fledgling uranium mine is outlined by the Associated Press in The Boston Globe. 9/7; <http://www.boston.com> .

Deepika Global reports that an Indian delegation from that country's Atomic Energy Regulatory Board visited the U.S. recently to continue ongoing discussions. 9/7; <http://www.deepikaglobal.com> .

The IAEA says that life-saving radioactive material is being increasingly rejected by international transport firms over concerns about carrying potential "dirty bomb" materials, Reuters reports. 9/4; <http://www.reuters.com> .

The Washington Post reports that working for the government ain't a bad gig, with the average federal salary about \$58,000. 9/5; <http://www.washingtonpost.com> .



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In the News Today... September 10, 2004

The Journal (New York) News, reports that viewer response was mixed to last night's HBO documentary on Indian Point. 9/10;
<http://www.nyjournalnews.com> .

The New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance has issued a detailed report on the errors in Rory Kennedy's HBO documentary, according to a press release that ran in PRNewswire. 9/10;
<http://biz.yahoo.com> .

The HBO documentary is briefly previewed by Agence France-Presse in Space War. 9/10; <http://www.spacewar.com> .

Knox News reports that terrorism fears are bringing tightened security measures to the Chesapeake Bay, including some "prized fishing spots" near a major nuclear power plant. 9/10; <http://www.knoxnews.com> .

The Rutland Herald reports that a proposed list of "10 ways" local officials could improve evacuation plans around the Vermont Yankee plant is gaining local support. 9/10; <http://www.rutlandherald.com> .

The Hopkinton Crier reports that a Massachusetts grassroots group is starting a campaign to "counteract" the Bush Administration's energy policies. 9/10; <http://www2.townonline.com> .

Presidential nominee John Kerry has issued a letter to an Ohio congressman pledging speedy compensation payments for sick nuclear weapons plant workers, according to the Associated Press in the Lexington Herald Leader. 9/10; <http://www.kentucky.com> .

The Las Vegas Sun reports that the EPA will not challenge a recent legal setback to the Yucca Mountain project. 9/10;
<http://www.lasvegassun.com> .

Knox News reports that work at the Oak Ridge hydrofracture facility, suspended in May, is likely to resume this fall. 9/10;
<http://www.knoxnews.com> .

The Ashbury Park Press runs an op-ed defending the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant as a safe, non-polluting neighbor. 9/10;
<http://www.app.com> .

Service Employees International Union raises concerns about Wackenhut's contract to provide adversary teams for nuclear power plant exercises, according to a press release that ran in PRNewswire. 9/10;

<http://biz.yahoo.com> .

The Progressive Newswire reports on upcoming oral arguments, part of a lawsuit brought against the NRC regarding revisions to security regulations for nuclear plants. 9/10; <http://www.commondreams.org> .

The Oregonian includes a brief item on the Wackenhut controversy, which the paper likens to "setting out rabbits to guard lettuce." 9/10; <http://www.oregonlive.com> .

Top disarmament officials from major countries gathered yesterday for meetings on Iran's nuclear policies, according to the Associated Press as cited by the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. 9/10; <http://www.cbc.ca>

The U.S., Japan and South Korea have agreed to try and arrange a new round of talks this month aimed at dismantling North Korea's nuclear programs, according to Reuters in the New York Times. 9/10; <http://www.nytimes.com> .

The World Environment News reports that Israeli researchers have found children exposed to Chernobyl radiation have normal mental function. 9/10; <http://www.planetark.com> .

Government Executive reports a group of former federal officials urged employees to come forward with information exposing wrongdoing, especially with regard to Iraq. 9/10; <http://www.govexec.com> .

Government Executive reports Senate lawmakers are attempting to change OMB rules on private-public job competitions. 9/10; <http://www.govexec.com> .

Government Executive reports a Senate subcommittee has voted a 3.5 percent raise for federal workers in fiscal 2005. 9/10; <http://www.govexec.com> .

Government Executive reports the federal government is weeks away from reaching the statutory debt ceiling. 9/10; <http://www.govexec.com> .