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In the News Today... September 16, 2004

The Los Angeles Times reports that activists and watchdog organizations are pushing NRC to improve safety and deter terrorist assaults from the air. 9/16; <http://www.latimes.com> .

The (New York) Journal News reports that Entergy has asked the NRC to approve a strike plan calling for the use of replacement workers if security guards walk off the job Oct. 2. 9/16; <http://www.thejournalnews.com> .

The (New York) Riverdale Review runs an editorial advocating the closure of Indian Point. 9/16; <http://www.riverdalereview.com> .

The Las Vegas Review Journal reports that DOE is appealing an NRC ruling that Yucca Mountain managers failed to properly post documents related to the project. 9/16; <http://www.reviewjournal.com> .

The Las Vegas Review Journal reports that NEI is going to appeal a lower court ruling on radiation safety guidelines, which seriously jeopardizes the Yucca Mountain project, to the U.S. Supreme Court. 9/16; <http://www.reviewjournal.com> .

The Las Vegas Sun reports DOE is trying to limit Nevada's ability to oversee Yucca Mountain activities. 9/16; <http://www.lasvegassun.com> .

The (New York) Saratogian reports on Sen. Charles Schumer's awarding of only a "C" to NRC efforts to safeguard nuclear facilities from terrorism. 9/16; <http://www.saratogian.com> .

The Lincoln County (Maine) News reports that the demolition of Maine Yankee's containment dome marks the "end of an era." 9/15; <http://www.mainelincolncountynews.com> .

Pulse of the Twin Cities, a self-proclaimed alternative paper, reports on XCel Energy's bid to extend the license of Minnesota's three nuclear reactors. 9/16; <http://www.pulsetc.com> .

CNN reports that an unarmed nuclear bomb lost off the coast of Georgia since 1958 may have been found. 9/14; <http://www.cnn.com> .

Asbury Park Press reports that the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant shut down Tuesday so workers could repair a backup safety valve. 9/16;

<http://www.app.com> .

The Greenfield (Massachusetts) Recorder reports that the Citizens Awareness Network argued its case against the NRC before the First Circuit Appellate Court Monday. At issue is a rule change that the group claims limits public input. 9/15; <http://www>.

The U.S. Senate approved a bill requiring the federal government to study the possible addition of historic Manhattan Project sites to the national park system, according to the Associated Press in The Seattle Times. 9/16; <http://www.seattletimes.com> .

The Financial Times reports that there is a "lively" debate in Washington over the merits of military strikes against Iran's alleged nuclear program. 9/16; <http://news.ft.com> .

U.S. and European negotiators have tentatively agreed to censure Iran for reneging on a freeze on uranium enrichment, according to the Associated Press in the New York Times. 9/16; <http://www.nytimes.com> . A senior Iranian official suggests Iran is about to end its year-long freeze on uranium enrichment, according to the Associated Press reports in The Wall Street Journal. 9/16; <http://online.wsj.com> .

A senior Iranian official says a nuclear expert's assertion that Iran is hiding an atomic site from U.N. inspectors was a "carefully timed lie" intended to influence a U.N. resolution, according to Reuters. 9/16; <http://www.reuters.com> .

New satellite images show that Iran may have a site for research, testing and production of nuclear weapons, according to Reuters. 9/16; <http://www.reuters.com> .

The Wall Street Journal reports that South Korea is "Exhibit A" in how countries can hide weapons work behind civilian programs. 9/16; <http://online.wsj.com> .

South Korea says it's confident investigations by the IAEA will prove the nuclear experiments recently revealed were not conducted for weapons advancement, according to the Associated Press in the Boston Globe. 9/16; <http://www.boston.com> .

The Washington Post reports the IAEA plans to return to South Korea to conduct a second round of inspections. (Page A26). 9/16; <http://www.washingtonpost.com> .

Russia's nuclear chief said Wednesday that he was told to increase vigilance at the country's nuclear facilities following a spate of terrorist attacks, according to the Associated Press in Connecticut Now. 9/16; <http://www.ctnow.com> .

The U.S. will seek help from other countries to ensure bomb-making material stays out of the hands of terrorists, according to Reuters. 9/16; <http://www.reuters.com> .

The Washington Post reports that Hurricane Ivan will interrupt electronic access to TSP accounts for federal workers and retirees. (Page B2). 9/16; <http://www.washingtonpost.com> .