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The San Luis Obispo Tribune reports that two groups have filed suit to force the NRC to take public comment on security at nuclear power plants. 9/22; <http://www.sanluisobispo.com> .

The Las Vegas Sun reports that Nevada is urging the NRC to reject a DOE appeal of an earlier decision that the department had not met NRC requirements regarding Yucca Mountain documents. 9/21; <http://www.lasvegassun.com> .

The Las Vegas Sun reports that scientists addressing the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board have concerns about various risks at the proposed Yucca Mountain project. 9/21; <http://www.lasvegassun.com> .

The Las Vegas Review-Journal reports that the NRC rejected Nevada's application for a \$13.75 million nuclear waste grant saying federal laws restrict its ability to give the state the funds. 9/22; <http://reviewjournal.com> .

The Salt Lake Tribune runs an editorial advocating the demise of the Yucca Mountain project. 9/22; <http://www.sltrib.com> .

The Las Vegas Review-Journal reports Nevada environmentalists have sent a letter to Bush asking that the EPA "back off" in its efforts to develop new radiation standards. 9/22; <http://reviewjournal.com> .

The Salt Lake Tribune reports, among other things, that delays in the Yucca Mountain project may mean more pressure to license temporary storage in Utah's Skull Valley. 9/22; <http://www.sltrib.com> .

The Salt Lake Tribune reports that the Republican gubernatorial candidate is about to air anti-nuclear waste television ads in Southern Utah. 9/22; <http://www.sltrib.com> .

The Hampton Union reports the NRC will meet with Seabrook Station representatives this week to determine if the plant was in violation when it removed a drainage system from its safety report. 9/21; <http://www.seacoastonline.com> .

The Eureka Times-Standard reports that NRC will meet with PG&E over the utility's loss of spent fuel rods from the Humboldt Bay power plant. 9/21; <http://www.times-standard.com> .

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The Brattleboro Reformer reports that local officials have endorsed new evacuation recommendations and will present them to state emergency management officials at a public meeting this week. 9/22; <http://www.reformer.com> .

Vermont Public Radio reports on Entergy Corp's desire to increase power generation at Vermont Yankee by interviewing a local energy reporter. 9/20; <http://www.loe.org> .

The Associated Press in Newsday issues a correction to a story regarding risk assessment at the Davis-Besse nuclear power plant. 9/22; <http://www.newsday.com> .

The Hartford Courant reports some residents think the town should consider taxing Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Co. at a higher rate for storing spent nuclear fuel in Haddam Neck, Conn. 9/22; <http://www.ctnow.com> .

The Day reports that the ASLB has denied an anti-nuclear activist's request for a hearing to challenge the relicensing of Millstone. 9/22; <http://www.theday.com> .

The Asbury Park Press reports that Oyster Creek officials will tell the NRC next week why workers violated a safety regulation related to a backup generator. 9/22; <http://www.app.com> . A related story ran in The Press of Atlantic City. 9/22; <http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com> .

The Middletown Press reports that Connecticut Yankee officials updated a local advisory committee on their decommissioning process. 9/22; <http://www.middletownpress.com> .

Washington state fined DOE \$270,000 for shipping "unknown waste" to the state's Hanford nuclear site, according to the Associated Press in the Myrtle Beach Sun News. 9/22; <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com> .

Iran's president asks the world to recognize his country's right to enrich uranium for fueling power stations, according to Reuters. 9/22; <http://www.reuters.com> .

The Washington Post reports Iran will defy an IAEA request and begin a new round of nuclear experiments. 9/22 (A24); <http://www.washingtonpost.com> . A similar story ran in the Washington Times, <http://www.washingtontimes.com> , and The New York Times, <http://www.nytimes.com> .

After Iran signaled it will defy the IAEA's request on uranium enrichment, the European Union says it won't "tolerate" an Iran with nuclear weapons, according to Reuters. 9/22; <http://www.reuters.com> .

Ukraine officials approved a new decommissioning plan for Chernobyl that is significantly less optimistic than a previous plan, according to the Associated Press in The Wall Street Journal. 9/22; <http://online.wsj.com> .

The Toronto Star runs an op-ed denouncing a decision to restart a second nuclear reactor unit at the Pickering nuclear power site. 9/21; <http://www.thestar.com> .

Government Executive reports that federal employees may not see their

2005 pay raise until the spring. 9/22; <http://www.govexec.com> .

The Washington Post reports the House moved closer to giving federal employees a 3.5 percent pay raise and stopping Bush Administration moves toward increased job outsourcing. 9/22 (A29); <http://www.washingtonpost.com> .

The Washington Post reports two health plans specializing in medical insurance and related benefits to federal law enforcement agents have merged. 9/22 (B2); <http://www.washingtonpost.com> .

The Washington Post reports the federal TSP is taking steps to operate more efficiently. 9/21 (B2); <http://www.washingtonpost.com> .