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NRC STAFF IDENTIFIES NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS
WARRANTING INCREASED REGULATORY ATTENTION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff advised the Commission today that it has identified three nuclear power plants which continue to warrant increased NRC regulatory attention.

These facilities were again identified at a meeting earlier this month during which senior NRC managers conducted their semi-annual review of the performance of operating nuclear power plants and fuel cycle facilities.

The three plants are:

Units 2 and 3 at Commonwealth Edison Company's Dresden nuclear power plant near Morris, Illinois, (first placed on the list in June 1987 and removed in December 1988 and added again in January 1992); and

Unit 3 at the Indian Point nuclear power plant near Buchanan, New York, owned by the Power Authority of the State of New York (added to the list in June 1993).

In addition, the staff discussed two reactors at one site which are shut down and NRC approval is needed before they can be restarted. Reactors in this category are Units 1 and 3 at the Tennessee Valley Authority's Browns Ferry nuclear power plant near Decatur, Alabama. Both units have been on the list since April 1986.

The staff also identified three plants that have successfully addressed their declining trend in safety performance.

They are the Cooper nuclear power plant near Nebraska City, Nebraska, owned by the Nebraska Public Power District (added to the trending list in January 1994) and Units 1 and 2 at Commonwealth Edison's Quad Cities nuclear power plant located near Moline, Illinois (also added to the trending list in January 1994).

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