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RUSSIAN PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT ST. LUCIE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

On Tuesday, August 31, the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Viktor Chernomyrdin, will visit the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant at Hutchinson Island, Florida, 35 miles north of Palm Beach.

The Prime Minister's visit is in conjunction with the first meeting of the United States/Russian Federation Joint Commission on Technological Cooperation in Energy and Space. President Clinton and President Yeltsin agreed to establish the Commission at their Vancouver Summit on April 4, 1993 and designated Vice-President Gore and Premier Chernomyrdin jointly to chair the body.

The Joint Commission, which will begin its meetings on Wednesday, September 1 in Washington, is intended to provide an impetus for enhanced cooperation between the two nations in the commercial, scientific and industrial applications of energy and space technology.

The visit to St. Lucie will be hosted by Ivan Selin, Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and James L. Broadhead, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Florida Power and Light Company, along with Jerome Goldberg, President of the Nuclear Division of Florida Power and Light Company. Florida Power and Light is the utility which operates the facility. Deputy Secretary of Energy William White will accompany the Prime Minister from the earlier portion of his visit in Houston, Texas, where he will be hosted by Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary.

The purpose of the St. Lucie visit is to highlight the importance the United States places on achieving the highest levels of nuclear safety in commercial nuclear power facilities. It is expected that the Washington talks will discuss ways in which the two countries can further enhance their cooperative activities to improve the safety of Soviet-design nuclear power reactors.

(Note to Editors: Prime Minister Chernomyrdin will arrive at the St. Lucie Plant about 3 PM. Chairman Selin will brief the press on the details of the Prime Minister's visit at about 4:30 PM, following the tour.)

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