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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 seven nuclear power plants that warrant increased NRC regulatory attention.

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

The plants are:

Unit 3 at Tennessee Valley Authority's Browns Ferry nuclear plant near Decatur, Alabama (first identified in April 1986 and required NRC approval to restart; the NRC granted approval to restart in November 1995);

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

Unit 3 at the Indian Point nuclear power plant near Buchanan, New York, owned by the Power Authority of the State of New York (identified in June 1993); and

Units 1, 2 and 3 at Northeast Utilities Service Company's Millstone nuclear power station at Waterford, Connecticut.

In addition, the staff discussed TVA's Browns Ferry 1, which also has been in shutdown since April 1986, and still needs NRC approval before it can be restarted.

The staff also provided the Commission with information concerning Public Service Electric and Gas Company's Hope Creek nuclear power plant, which shows signs of a declining trend in safety performance warranting closer attention by the staff. At Units 1 and 2 at the Salem nuclear power plant, the utility needs to demonstrate continued reliable operation. The Hope Creek and Salem plants are located near Salem, New Jersey.

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