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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 six 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:

Units 2 and 3 at Commonwealth Edison Company's Dresden nuclear power plant near Morris, Illinois, (first listed 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 (listed in June 1993); and

Units 1, 2 and 3 at Northeast Utilities Service Company's Millstone nuclear power station at Waterford, Connecticut. The Millstone units were first placed on the NRC's watch list in January.

TVA's Browns Ferry Unit 3 has been removed from the list of plants warranting heightened NRC scrutiny. The staff told the Commission that the plant has demonstrated sustained improvement since it resumed operations late last year. Browns Ferry 3 was first identified as a watch list plant in April 1986 and required NRC approval to restart. The NRC granted such approval last November.

The staff also informed the Commission that Tennessee Valley Authority's Browns Ferry Unit 1, which had been on the list since April 1986, is no longer so listed because TVA has indefinitely deferred a decision on its restart. But if TVA should subsequently plan to resume operations, the plant would need NRC authorization before restart. The Browns Ferry units are located near Decatur, Alabama.

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