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WASHINGTON -- Responding to recent national news coverage of the "U.S. government's plans" to release into the economy potentially radioactive scrap metal from nuclear facilities, the Specialty Steel Industry of North America yesterday issued a statement voicing opposition to such a policy. PRNewswire, 1/6.

The Department of Energy will move forward with plans to use mixed-oxide fuel at the Catawba nuclear power plant. The program will begin immediately with the construction of a plant at the Savannah River site that can convert plutonium from decommissioned nuclear weapons into a fuel that would power nuclear reactors. The Herald, Rock Hill, S.C., 1/6.

TOKYO -- Taiwan conducted a small nuclear test in the second half of the 1980s, former Primer Minister of Taiwan Hao Beigjyun said in a book of memoirs just published. Comtex Newswire, 1/6.

MEXICO CITY -- Greenpeace on Thursday demanded an independent audit of security at Mexico's Laguna Verde nuclear power plants. The environmental group said a series of accidents and cover-ups showed the plant was unsafe and that a report by the World Association of Nuclear Operators gives Laguna Verde its lowest security grade, a five on a one-to-five scale. Reuters, 1/6.

PRA class cancelled - July will be next one.

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