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MONTPELIER, Vt. -- The Vermont Yankee nuclear plant will get a more thorough inspection than usual before it is allowed to boost power by 20 percent, the NRC said Wednesday, according to The Associated Press. 5/5; <http://www.boston.com> . The office of Vermont Governor Jim Douglas issued a press release, 5/5, <http://www.vermont.gov> ; and similar articles appeared in The Rutland Herald, 5/6, <http://www.rutlandherald.com> ; The Brattleboro Reformer, 5/6, <http://www.reformer.com> ; The Keene Sentinel, 5/5; <http://www.keenesentinel.com> ; and Vermont Public Radio, 5/5; <http://www.vpr.net> .

The Brattleboro Reformer reports people are divided over whether the issue of dry cask storage at Vermont Yankee is tied to the proposed uprate or is a separate issue to be considered on its own. 5/5; <http://www.reformer.com> .

The New London Day reports the Connecticut Siting Council moved closer Tuesday to supporting installation of as many as 67 bunkers and dry casks for storage of radioactive waste at Millstone Power Station in Waterford. 5/5; <http://www.newlondonday.com> .

The Wall Street Journal reports the NRC is inspecting an incident at a Baxter International plant in Puerto Rico in which two Baxter workers were exposed to radiation. 5/5; <http://online.wsj.com> .

An article in Fortune magazine touches on the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository, the economics of nuclear power and environmental issues in discussing "new reasons to build more plants, and new reasons to fear them." Volume 145; <http://www.fortune.com> .

KVBC in Las Vegas reports on the NRC's meeting with Energy Department officials concerning the audit of DOE's Yucca Mountain Project information. 5/5; <http://www.kvbc.com> .

The Las Vegas Review-Journal reports Nevada and local officials are criticizing the NRC for failing to include the public in its audit of DOE's Yucca Mountain Project information. 5/6; <http://www.reviewjournal.com> .

The Nevada Appeal printed an opinion piece from Paul Craig, who resigned from the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, criticizing the Bush administration for asking as few questions as possible about

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the science of storing nuclear waste, and ignoring the answers it doesn't like. 5/5; <http://www.state.nv.us/nucwaste/news2004> .

The Gainesville Sun reports South Carolina lawmakers killed a deal to take more low-level nuclear waste at a Barnwell facility during a debate over the state's \$5.3 billion budget. 5/5; <http://www.gainesvillesun.com> .

USA Today reports physicists who studied the 1987 radioactive material accident in Goiana, Brazil, have concluded a "dirty bomb" could be more lethal than previously thought. 5/5; <http://www.usatoday.com> .

A press release from the American Nuclear Society outlines how the 2004 annual meeting will focus on the legacy and future of nuclear technologies, and will include participation by NRC Chairman Nils J. Diaz. 5/5; <http://www.prnewswire.com> .