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In the News Today... May 7, 2004

The Keene Sentinel reports news that Vermont Yankee must undergo a more thorough engineering inspection before it can boost power has many people breathing a sigh of relief. 5/6; <http://www.keenesentinel.com> .

The Brattleboro Reformer reports the New England Coalition on Wednesday again called on Entergy Nuclear to perform a full inventory of spent fuel at Vermont Yankee and that its results be certified by the NRC. 5/7; <http://www.reformer.com> .

The Morris Daily Herald reports investigators continued their check Thursday into an offsite power loss Wednesday that shut down a reactor at Dresden Nuclear Station. 5/6; <http://www.morrisdailyherald.com> .

The Las Vegas Sun reports the NRC is still deciding what type of tests it will perform on casks that are intended to be used to ship nuclear waste to Nevada. 5/6; <http://www.lasvegassun.com> .

The Las Vegas Review-Journal reports officials in the South and the Northeast who are experienced in handling nuclear waste aren't as alarmed as counterparts in Nevada at the prospect of shipping highly radioactive material to Yucca Mountain, a study panel was told on Thursday. 5/7; <http://www.reviewjournal.com> .

CALIENTE, Nev. -- The Energy Department made a whistle-stop in this tiny railroad town Wednesday, outlining plans to build a rail line across Nevada to haul the nation's most radioactive waste to a planned nuclear waste dump at Yucca Mountain, according to The Associated Press. 5/6; <http://www.rgj.com> .

The Las Vegas Sun reports almost all 83 residents who attended an Energy Department and Bureau of Land Management meeting on Wednesday agreed the proposed railroad corridor to Yucca Mountain is going to happen. 5/6; <http://www.lasvegassun.com> .

WASHINGTON -- The House on Thursday accused Iran of "continuing deceptions and falsehoods" involving development of nuclear weapons and said that Europe, Japan and Russia should cut commercial and energy ties until Iran permanently ends such activities, according to

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The Associated Press. 5/7; <http://www.nytimes.com> .

PARIS -- The head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog warned Iran on Thursday the world would not wait forever for the Islamic republic to divulge to full extent and nature of its nuclear program, according to Reuters. 5/6; <http://www.reuters.com> .

An editorial in The New York Times suggests the United States is losing ground to foreign competitors in the scientific and technological fields, and common sense suggests efforts to head off further erosion. Page A24, 5/7; <http://www.nytimes.com> .

The Washington Post reports a House committee signaled Thursday that it may be time to realign key management responsibilities at the Department of Homeland Security. Page B2, 5/7; <http://www.washingtonpost.com> .

The Wall Street Journal reports the Energy Department is expected to announce it will consolidate much of its excess nuclear-weapons material at a few highly protected sites, a move intended to improve security against potential terrorist attacks. Page A4, 5/7; <http://online.wsj.com> .

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reports Customers First, Wisconsin's largest energy coalition, will ask the state Public Service Commission to block the sale of the Kewaunee nuclear plant to a Virginia utility. 5/7; <http://www.jsonline.com> .