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The Las Vegas Sun reports scientists working for Nevada staged an experiment Wednesday morning that showed that water will not only drip through the rock and onto nuclear waste canisters stored at Yucca Mountain but mineral deposits from the water will cause the canisters to corrode. 5/12; <http://www.lasvegassun.com> . A similar article appears on the website for KVBC, 5/12; <http://www.kvbc.com> .

The Las Vegas Review-Journal reports the Department of Energy has chosen Dec. 23 as the date it plans to apply for a license to build a nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain. 5/12; <http://www.reviewjournal.com> .

The Pahrump Valley Times reports Nevada registered a new complaint Thursday about the Yucca Mountain Project, that the Energy Department has gotten ahead of itself in planning to build a 318-mile rail spur to the proposed repository. 5/12; <http://www.pahrumpvalleytimes.com> .

The Pahrump Valley Times reports corrosion of waste containers in Yucca Mountain and the possibility of any future volcanic activity are two of the major technical questions to be resolved in the license application for the proposed repository, according to NRC representative Bill Reamer. 5/12; <http://www.pahrumpvalleytimes.com> .

An editorial in The Las Vegas Sun contends the NRC's plan to test a rail transport cask for nuclear waste doesn't go far enough. 5/12; <http://www.lasvegassun.com> .

The Las Vegas Review-Journal reports a retired engineer said Wednesday that Nevadans must realize the dangers of America's dependence on Middle Eastern oil and back nuclear power and the Yucca Mountain repository project. 5/13; <http://www.reviewjournal.com> .

WASHINGTON -- The Energy Department has been warned by an influential lawmaker that it may get a fraction of the money sought next year for a proposed nuclear waste dump in Nevada, jeopardizing any chance that the site can open by 2010, according to The Associated Press. 5/13; <http://www.seattlepi.com> .

The Brattleboro Reformer reports the New England Coalition filed a

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motion with the Vermont Public Service Board on Tuesday, requesting that the record in the Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee "uprate" case be reopened. 5/13; <http://www.reformer.com> .

The Times-Press in Illinois reports Exelon's La Salle Nuclear Station was operated "very very safely" during 2003 and without any cause for concern by local residents, officials from the NRC have reported. 5/13; <http://www.times-press.com> .

The Asbury Park Press reports a new weapon in the battle to shut down the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant after 2009 may be deployed by Brick, N.J., Mayor Joseph Scarpelli. 5/13; <http://www.app.com> .

The Tri-Town News in New Jersey reports on a debate concerning the Radiation and Public Health Project's "Tooth Fairy Project," held in Brick, N.J. 5/13; <http://tritown.gmnews.com> .

A press release from Louisiana Energy Services on Wednesday announced that it supports New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson's request that the NRC allow the state to participate in the license proceeding for the National Enrichment Facility. 5/12; <http://www.prnewswire.com> .

The Hartford Courant reports the transfer of spent nuclear fuel rods to an outdoor storage site at the decommissioned Connecticut Yankee nuclear power plant has been delayed. 5/12; <http://www.ctnow.com> .

The Beaver Valley Times reports Beaver County emergency officials conducted their biannual drill Tuesday to test their readiness to handle an emergency at the Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station. 5/12; <http://www.timesonline.com> .

CBS MarketWatch reports China will spend a total of around \$25 billion to \$35 billion - about 40 percent of it from overseas financing - to build 30 nuclear power plants in coastal areas by 2020 to increase its nuclear power generating capacity more than fivefold. 5/13; <http://cbs.marketwatch.com> .

MOSCOW -- Iran will this week give the U.N. nuclear watchdog answers to "all questions" on its nuclear program, an Iranian nuclear source was quoted as saying on Thursday, according to Reuters. 5/13; <http://www.reuters.com> .

STOCKHOLM -- Former chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix said Thursday that it wasn't unreasonable to think that Iran could develop a nuclear weapon within two years, according to The Associated Press. 5/13; <http://online.wsj.com> .

The Washington Post reports the General Accounting Office is launching a compensation and classification review that will hopefully provide "equal pay for work of equal value over time" and help the GAO control payroll costs in lean budget times. Page B2, 5/13; <http://www.washingtonpost.com> .