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Iran has arrested several dozen spies, some of whom passed secrets about its nuclear program according to Reuters. 8/31; <http://www.reuters.com> .

The Las Vegas Review Journal reports that the GOP platform supports nuclear energy, though it does not mention Yucca Mountain directly, and that the state's delegation is divided over the issue. 8/31; <http://www.reviewjournal.com> .

The state is asking the NRC for a hearing connected to the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant's request to increase power output, the Associated Press reports in the Boston Globe. 8/31; <http://www.boston.com> .

A radioactive measuring device was recovered from the trunk of a stolen car in Irvington, N.J., the Associated Press reports in Newsday. 8/31; <http://www.newsday.com> .

The New York Times reports on the post-9/11 issue of balancing the desire for secrecy against the desire for public safety, in this case, a move to reduce the threat of sabotage of natural gas lines by removing warning signs. 8/29; <http://www.nytimes.com> .

The Beaver County Times/Allegheny Times reports that First Energy has stated that security upgrades at the Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station in Shippingport should be finished by October. 8/30; <http://www.timesonline.com> .

A New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene press release announced that low levels of radiation were emitted in the U.S. Postal facility at 909 3rd Avenue when a mechanical problem occurred in a radiography camera being used by a construction contractor. 8/30; <http://www.nyc.gov> .

The Times Herald-Record, in Middletown, N.Y., 40 miles from Indian Point, reports that the Entergy manager who complained about safety issues at the plant was not happy with the resulting NRC report. 8/31; <http://www.recordonline.com> .

The Wall Street Journal reports on findings by the U.N.'s "nuclear watchdog" that some nuclear technology ordered by Libya for its former

weapons programs is missing. 8/31; <http://online.wsj.com> Related stories also appeared in Reuters; <http://www.reuters.com> and The Washington Post; <http://www.washingtonpost.com> .

The Washington Post also reports that a high-level Russian diplomat was questioned by local and federal officials after he was seen photographing a liquefied natural gas terminal in Calvert County, Md. Later local officials determined there was "nothing of great worthiness" in the pictures or video. 8/31; <http://www.washingtonpost.com> .

The Times and Transcript, an eastern Canadian newspaper, reports that energy officials there are struggling with a decision about whether to upgrade or close the Point Lepreau station. 8/30; <http://www.canadaeast.com>

Nuclear News reports in its August issue on the American Nuclear Society meeting, held in June in Pittsburgh, Pa. The theme of the meeting was: A Gold Anniversary - A Golden Opportunity. <http://www.ans.org> .