

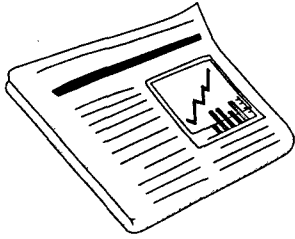
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Associated Press reports a quarter-century after the country's worst nuclear accident, the nuclear power industry is talking about revival. Yet no one can predict when a new reactor will be built, and the industry cannot shake perceptions about safety, uncertain economic, and a new specter--terrorism. 3/29; <http://www.boston.com> . Related articles appear on United Press International, 3/26, <http://www.upi.com> , in The Akron Beacon Journal, 3/28; <http://www.ohio.com> , The Newark Star-Ledger, 3/26; <http://www.nj.com> , and The Baltimore Sun, 3/29; <http://www.baltimoresun.com> .

Michael Pakenham, the book editor for The Baltimore Sun, revisits Three Mile Island 25 years later. He says the accident was terrifying, but asks: "With the threat of terrorists added to the threats of negligence and indifference, is today any less scary?" 3/29; <http://www.baltimoresun.com> .

Associated Press writes that about 45 people marked the 25th anniversary of the Three Mile Island nuclear accident with a protest at the Salem and Hope Creek nuclear plants in New Jersey, calling for their shutdown. 3/29; <http://www.zwire.com> .

The Akron Beacon Journal says the accident that caused a partial "meltdown" at Three Mile Island in 1979 almost occurred at Ohio's Davis-Besse plant two years earlier. 3/28; <http://www.ohio.com> .

Workers at Davis-Besse restarted the nuclear reactor Friday morning, and the facility was expected to reconnect to the regional power grid over the weekend, according to the Port Clinton News Herald. 3/26; <http://www.portclintonnewsheald.com> .

The Brattleboro Reformer reports the New England Coalition, a public interest group, will file a motion for reconsideration with the Public Service Board regarding the board's order on the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant uprate. 3/26; <http://www.reformer.com> .

After a mock drill, the NRC and FEMA said Friday they feel good about southeast Michigan's chances of averting a crisis if a nuclear accident were to occur at the Fermi 2 facility, says The Toledo Blade. 3/27; <http://www.toledoblade.com> .

WATERFORD, CT. -- The NRC praised Dominion Nuclear Connecticut

Thursday for its safe operation of the Millstone nuclear power plant last year, but will conduct an extra review because of equipment failures in the first quarter of 2004. The (New London) Day, 3/26; <http://www.newlondonday.com> .

The Connecticut Coalition Against Millstone, writes The (New London) Day, has appealed a ruling by the secretary of the NRC that finds the group's petition for a legal hearing in the Millstone license renewal process "premature." 3/26; <http://www.newlondonday.com> .

The Washington Post says that critics charge the nuclear power plant security decisions made by the NRC are shrouded in secrecy and that the agency is withholding unclassified information. (P. A21), 3/29; <http://www.washingtonpost.com> .

The New York Times says Snelling, S.C., houses one of the nation's oldest and most active repositories for nuclear waste. It is the only location in the U.S. licensed to take retired steam generators and pressure vessels. The nuclear waste business, however, has been good for the small town that receives 40 percent of its budget from property taxes and dumping fees. (P. A1), 3/29; <http://www.nytimes.com> .

The Pahrump Valley Times says the next stage in the Yucca Mountain Project, scheduled to be operational in 2010, is the license application process. The DOE says it expects to file the application with the NRC in December. 3/26; <http://www.pahrumpvalleytimes.com> .

Iran has stopped building centrifuges to win the world's trust over its nuclear program, the head of the IAEA said Monday. Associated Press, 3/29; <http://www.usatoday.com> .

North Korea Saturday explicitly rejected the formula the U.S. has put forward as its bottom-line position in talks aimed at ending North Korea's nuclear programs, raising doubts about whether the fitful negotiations are making even limited progress, reports The New York Times, (P. 5), 3/28; <http://www.nytimes.com> .

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