

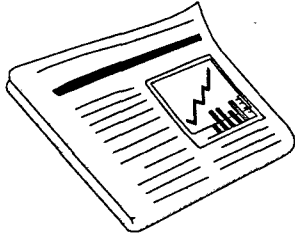
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The Toledo Blade says a meeting that could be the public's last chance to comment about Davis-Besse prior to a restart decision has been scheduled for February 12 at the Camp Perry clubhouse in Port Clinton, Ohio, according to the NRC. 1/31; <http://www.toledoblade.com> . A related article appears in The News-Messenger, 1/31; <http://www.thenews-messenger.com> .

The New York Times reports the NRC has told the Public Service Enterprise Group, which runs three nuclear reactors in southern New Jersey, to determine whether its employees are willing to raise safety concerns or make decisions that put safety foremost. Commission interviews with current and former employees indicate that they might not be. 1/31; <http://www.nytimes.com> .

Associated Press writes the Kewaunee nuclear power plant in Wisconsin declared a low-level emergency after detecting a carbon dioxide leak in the fire-suppression system. 2/1; <http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com> .

Two consecutive public meetings, says The San Luis Obispo Tribune, will be held in San Luis Obispo on Wednesday evening to discuss the findings of inspections conducted at the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant following the December 22 San Simeon earthquake. 2/1; <http://sanluisobispo.com> .

The News & Observer reports a local resident who runs an ostrich ranch fears the 81 sirens tested at North Carolina's Shearon Harris nuclear power plant five times annually could kill her birds. 1/31; <http://www.wilmingtonstar.com> .

Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano, says The Journal News, wants New York state to allow private guards who patrol the Indian Point nuclear power plant to arrest and search suspicious people and carry automatic weapons, which would make the facility the first of 26 reactors in the Northeast to extend police powers to its security forces. 2/2; <http://www.nyjournalnews.com> .

The Salt Lake Tribune reports that basic information about the nuclear-waste facility planned for the Skull Valley Goshutes Indian Reservation in Utah remains strictly shrouded under orders of the NRC

at the request of the limited liability company, Private Fuel Storage, behind it. Proponents estimate the project will cost \$3.1 billion. 2/2; <http://www.sltrib.com> .

The Bush administration, says The Washington Post, proposed new rules Friday regulating power plants' mercury pollution, and some of the language is similar to recommendations from two memos sent to federal officials by a law firm representing the utility industry. (P. A4); <http://www.washingtonpost.com> .

President Bush's \$2.4 trillion budget for the fiscal year that begins in October, writes The Washington Post, will leave the government \$521 billion in the red. But by trimming domestic spending and eliminating up to 65 federal programs, the White House expects to cut the deficit to \$237 billion by 2009. (P. A1), 2/2; <http://www.washingtonpost.com> .

The New York Times says a team of Russian and American scientists reported Sunday that they have created two new chemical elements, called superheavies because of their enormous atomic mass. (P. A1), 2/2; <http://www.nytimes.com> .

A front-page Washington Post article says intelligence indicating that al Qaeda terrorists are seeking to release a chemical or biological agent aboard an airliner, or transport a radiological device in cargo, was one of the factors that prompted the cancellation of six international flights scheduled for Sunday and Monday. 2/1; <http://www.washingtonpost.com> . A related story runs in USA Today. 2/1; <http://www.usatoday.com> .

Pakistan's most prominent nuclear-weapons scientist, Abdul Qadeer Khan, has admitted providing nuclear secrets to Iran, Libya and North Korea during the 1980s and 1990s. The Washington Post, (P. A12), 2/2; <http://www.washingtonpost.com> . Agence France-Presse features a similar story. 2/2; <http://www.washingtontimes.com> .

Bruce Power is considering a plan to boost Ontario's electricity supply by building two new reactors at its nuclear power complex on the shore of Lake Huron, reports The London Free Press. 1/30; <http://www.canoe.ca> .

MOSCOW -- Associated Press writes U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton met with Russia's top nuclear official on Friday, his second day of talks to strengthen controls against the spread of weapons of mass destruction. 1/30; <http://www.info.mgnetwork.com> .

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