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Here's the draft. It still needs to go through HQ. I didn't want to forget to send it to you.

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NRC SENDS TEAM TO REVIEW PEACH BOTTOM SECURITY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has sent a team of inspectors to conduct a special security inspection at the Peach Bottom nuclear power plant in Delta, Pa. The team, called an Augmented Inspection Team (AIT), arrived on site today (9/21) to begin its work. The plant is operated by Exelon Nuclear.

The NRC is aware of information that security officers might be inattentive while on duty at Peach Bottom. The company has been conducting its own investigation into this information.

An AIT is formed to review the circumstances surrounding more significant issues at NRC-licensed facilities. This five-member team includes specialists from the agency's Region I office in King of Prussia, Pa., and from its headquarters in Rockville, Md. The inspectors are expected to spend at least a week at the site before returning to the regional office where the information they have gathered will be analyzed and evaluated.

NRC Region I Administrator Samuel J. Collins said, "The inspection team will comprehensively assess the Peach Bottom security issues to ensure that the security program is being effectively implemented. We continue to believe the site is secure."

A report will be issued within 30 days of the close of the inspection.