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NOTE TO EDITORS:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received four reports from its Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards. The reports, in the form of letters, provide comments on:

-- Proposed Generic Letter, "Laboratory Testing of Nuclear-Grade Activated Charcoal."

-- Site-to-site variation in risk-based, regulatory acceptance criteria for plant-specific application of safety goals.

-- Proposed Generic Letter and Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1074 concerning steam generator tube integrity.

-- Boiling water reactor pressure vessel shell weld inspection recommendations (BWRVIP-05).

-- Reporting reliability and availability information for risk-significant systems and equipment.

-- Proposed rulemaking for shutdown and fuel storage pool operations at nuclear power plants.

-- Staff action plan to improve the senior management meeting process.

-- Proposed revision to Regulatory Guide 8.7, "Instructions for Recording and Reporting Occupational Radiation Exposure Data."

-- Proposed revision to Regulatory Guide 5.62, "Reporting of Safeguards Events."

-- Proposed final Generic Letter, "Assurance of Sufficient Net Positive Suction Head for Emergency Core Cooling and Containment Heat Removal Pumps."

-- Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1069, fire protection program for permanently shutdown and decommissioning nuclear power plants.

Copies of the reports are available through the NRC's Office of Public Affairs, the NRC's Internet Homepage (<http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>) and the Public Document Room in Washington, D.C. To access the letters on the NRC Internet Homepage use the "Search" function to look for "444th."

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