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NOTE TO EDITORS:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received seven reports from its Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards following the committee's meetings on June 3-5 and July 8-10. The reports, in the form of letters, provide comments on:

-- Proposed revisions to 10 CFR 50.59 (changes, tests and experiments)

-- Draft supplement 1 to NUREG 1552, "Fire Barrier Penetration Seals in Nuclear Power Plants."

-Proposed revision to 10 CFR 50.65(a) (3) of the maintenance rule to require licensees to perform safety assessments.

-Draft Regulatory Guide DG-4005, "Preparation of Supplemental Environmental Reports for Applications to Renew Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses."

-Proposed final safety evaluation of the boiling water reactor (BWR) vessel and internals project, BWR pressure vessel shell weld inspection recommendations (BWRVIP-05) report.

-Report on the safety aspects of the Westinghouse Electric Company application for certification of the AP600 passive plant design.

-- General Electric Nuclear Energy extended power uprate program and Monticello nuclear generating plant power level increase request.

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.

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