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On the cover: This view from the west end of the Chernobyl-4 New Safe Confinement (NSC) was taken on November 14, the day the sliding process to move the structure over the old shelter began. The red objects along the right side of the structure comprise the hydraulic jack mechanisms that were used to move the structure from the construction area to its final positioning over the old shelter. The tall vertical component at the center of the arch is the new ventilation stack. A photo feature with more details on the NSC and the process of moving the massive structure begins on page 34. (Photo: EBRD)



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Chernobyl's New Safe Confinement is moved into position

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Indian Point-2 and -3 to close in 2020 and 2021. NuScale applies for SMR design certification. Vogtle-3, Summer-2 and -3 achieve construction milestones. NRC issues COLs for Lee-1 and -2 in South Carolina. Judge rules on dispute over Levy project cancellation costs. Georgia Power, PSC reach agreement on Vogtle-3 and -4 cost overruns. NRC names U.S. reactors with French forgings. Renaissance Watch: An update on developments that may lead to new power reactors. Senators request monthly reports on NRC activities. End of year brings one reactor scram, one trip. NRC cites cooling system failure at Diablo Canyon.

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