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Final shutdown of Vermont Yankee completed as scheduled. Stephen Burns appointed NRC chairman, replacing Allison Macfarlane. DOE sends NRC draft general design criteria for advanced reactors. Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Company resubmits APR1400 design certification application. "Market-based" fixes sought for Illinois reactors. "Placeholder" contention filed against Callaway-1 license renewal. Renaissance Watch: An update on developments that may lead to new power reactors. Petitioner seeks improved alkali-silica reaction inspections at nuclear power plants. Duke: Levy license application slowed by "generic errors" in AP1000 design. Phase 5 of South Texas-3 and -4 safety review completed; other licensing developments.

SECURITY

Computer systems of South Korea's nuclear plant operator, Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Company, are hacked. HEU removed from research facility in Kazakhstan; other NNSA news. IAEA lauds Armenian, Belgian security standards.



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Japan's Nuclear Regulation Authority approves Takahama-3 and -4 restart reviews. Jordan and Russia sign nuclear project cooperation agreement. Ukraine signs deal for more Westinghouse fuel. EnBW sues German government for damages stemming from 2011 nuclear moratorium. Irradiation of China's HTR-PM fuel is completed at the High Flux Reactor in the Netherlands. India's Kudankulam-1 begins commercial operation. Finnish utility TVO to cut operating costs at Olkiluoto-1 and -2. Liability insurance coverage for South Korea's nuclear power plants to increase tenfold.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Nuclear Management Partners loses contract for Sellafield site cleanup. Congress allocates \$324 million in FY 2015 for operations, recovery efforts at WIPP. Waste tanks at Hanford Site continue to degrade, GAO says. DOE moves to close more underground waste tanks at Savannah River Site. NRC releases Volume 4 of safety evaluation report for DOE's license application for Yucca Mountain repository. Working group to discuss shipment of radioactive waste from ORNL to Nevada for disposal.

INDUSTRY

DOE proposes rule on international nuclear damage compensation. Westinghouse signs contracts for fuel, equipment; other pacts. AZZ-NLI reports switch defect; other 10 CFR Part 21 notices.

RESEARCH

DOE panel determines R&D needs for seven advanced reactor concepts. Fusion Energy Science Advisory Committee submits strategy, minority report to DOE.

FUEL

Strateco Resources claims damages from the Quebec government. Energy Fuels agrees to acquire Uranerz Energy.

ISOTOPES & RADIATION

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