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DOE's Podonsky suggests that the National Nuclear Security Administration may need to be eliminated. House bill calls for increased sanctions on entities assisting proliferation efforts in Iran, North Korea, and Syria. Moscow hosts talks with United States on Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction program. DOE's Office of Inspector General finds weaknesses in Los Alamos National Laboratory's cybersecurity program.

**Canadian government backs three new projects to produce technetium-99m using particle accelerators.**

**Areva expands in Arizona, North Carolina; other business developments.** GEI Consultants awarded Wolf Creek contract; DOE awards contracts. Crydom reports that relays supplied to Scientech may be faulty.

**HTGR simulator to be installed at Oregon State University.** Nuclear energy authority created in Virginia.


Comments requested on draft standard; two standards projects being initiated. An NRC regulatory issue summary addresses effects of sequestration on operations.