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Entergy plans to close Vermont Yankee in 2014. Draft design-specific review standard for NuScale SMR to be issued in May 2014; Holtec and PSEG enter into agreement to develop SMR-160. NRC issues confirmatory action letter to TVA concerning Browns Ferry performance issues. Summer license amendment approved; Vogtle ITAAC closed. Renaissance Watch: An update on developments that may lead to new power reactors. PPL escapes fine for violations at Susquehanna. NRC commissioners reject staff proposal by 5-0 vote. NRC changes oversight level at three plants. Safety evaluation report issued for Davis-Besse license renewal; other reviews delayed. Callaway COL application expected in mid-2015.

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NRC seeks input on Yucca Mountain licensing review. Mississippi Energy Institute proposes used fuel storage facility. Waste from Portsmouth and Paducah gaseous diffusion plants shipped to Texas and Idaho. Holtec spent fuel cask survives direct strike by missile. NRC issues draft generic environmental impact statement for waste confidence rule, sets dates for public meetings. Major components of France's Chooz A reactor decontaminated.

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Exelon Nuclear Partners in collaborations to build reactors in Saudi Arabia. Japan's government intervenes in contaminated water issues at Fukushima Daiichi. Finland's Fennovoima and Russia's Rosatom may sign reactor contract by year-end. Rosatom to explore entering the United Kingdom's new-build program. European nuclear regulators call for review of all reactor vessel forgings. Windscale Pile One chimney dismantlement prep under way.



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