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NOTE TO EDITORS:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received four reports from its Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards following its 448th meeting February 5-7. The reports, in the form of letters, provide comments on:

-- Interim letter on the safety aspects of the Westinghouse Electric Co. application for certification of the AP600 plant design.

-- Final rulemaking, "Physical protection for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste," (10 CFR parts 60, 72, 73, 74 and 75).

-- Proposed generic letter, "Guidance on the storage, preservation, and safekeeping of quality assurance records in electronic media."

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

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. To access the letters on the NRC Internet Homepage use the "search" function to look for "448th."

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