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NRC REQUESTS PLANS FROM 18 NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS TO ADDRESS APPARENT DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING ASSURANCE SHORTFALLS

The NRC has contacted 18 nuclear power plants to clarify how the companies will address the recent economic downturn's effects on funds to decommission reactors in the future.

Nuclear power plant operators are required to set aside funds during a reactor's operating life to ensure the reactor site will be properly cleaned up once the reactor is permanently shut down. The NRC's review of the latest reports on decommissioning funding assurance suggests several plants must adjust their funding plans.

"We'll discuss this with the plants over the next few weeks so they can explain to us how they'll get the funds back on track to account for their decommissioning cost estimates," said Tim McGinty, director of Policy and Rulemaking in the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. "This is not a current safety issue, but the plants do have to prove to us they're setting aside money appropriately."

The letters for the affected plants will be available in the NRC's electronic documents database, ADAMS, by entering each letter's accession number (indicated below) here: <http://adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.htm>.

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Letter accession number</u>
Beaver Valley Unit 1	ML091690470
Braidwood Unit 1	ML091600194
Braidwood Unit 2	ML091600240
Browns Ferry Unit 1	ML091670045
Browns Ferry Unit 2	ML091670080
Browns Ferry Unit 3	ML091670071
Byron Unit 1	ML091600336
Byron Unit 2	ML091600356
Calvert Cliffs Unit 1	ML091540286
Clinton	ML091600548
Duane Arnold	ML091690407
Ginna	ML091540299

Indian Point Unit 2	ML091630533
LaSalle Unit 1	ML091600496
LaSalle Unit 2	ML091600530
Nine Mile Point Unit 1	ML091590134
Nine Mile Point Unit 2	ML091590160
Palisades	ML091550675
Point Beach Unit 1	ML091550697
Point Beach Unit 2	ML091550701
River Bend	ML091540293
Sequoyah Unit 1	ML091670153
Sequoyah Unit 2	ML091670117
Vermont Yankee	ML091550583
Waterford	ML091550692
Watts Bar Unit 1	ML091530187

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