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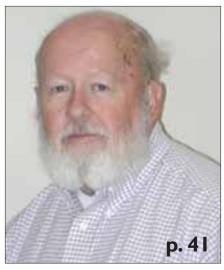
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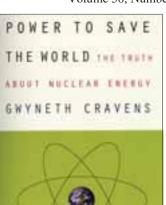
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#### BOOK REVIEW

Power to Save the World: The Truth About Nuclear Energy, by Gwyneth Cravens

#### OUOTING AT RANDOM

NRC's Lyons: Contributions of structural mechanics to the science of nuclear regulation

#### POWER

DOE issues final rule on loan guarantee program. DOE releases conditional agreement for risk insurance for companies building new nuclear power plants. FPL Energy takes over as new owner of Point Beach plant. NRC publishes final rule on limited work authorizations for nuclear power plants. GAO report says NRC may not be ready for COL deluge. NRC proposes rule for aircraft impact assessments. Proposed NRC rule allows for alternative analysis method to determine susceptibility to pressurized thermal shock. Maximizing the Assets: A status report on license renewal and power uprates. NRC denies uprate request for Fort Calhoun over flow meter issue.

## SECURITY

GAO says DOE, NRC have different protection requirements for Category I special nuclear material. GAO study finds U.S. borders vulnerable. NRC establishes advisory panel to identify vulnerabilities in nuclear materials licensing program. DOE fines contractors for security violations. Portuguese research reactor converted from HEU to LEU; HEU fuel removed from South Korea. IAEA report urges continued vigilance against nuclear terrorism.

## INTERNATIONAL

Six-party talks result in second-phase agreement with North Korea. Commissioning completed at Romania's Cernavoda-2. Russia's Atomstroyexport completes construction of Tianwan-2 in China. China sets forth sustainable energy road map. Fennovoima presents plans for new nuclear plant in Finland. Repairs to steel liner at Finland's Olkiluoto-3 resume. In the U.K., Calder Hall's cooling towers demolished. UKAEA unveils Dounreay beach cleanup plan. European Commission clears Olkiluoto-3 loan guarantee. European Commission establishes forum for nuclear energy research. INSAG tells IAEA that nuclear safety must be strengthened. British Nuclear Group uses "flower power" ad to recruit workers for Sellafield.

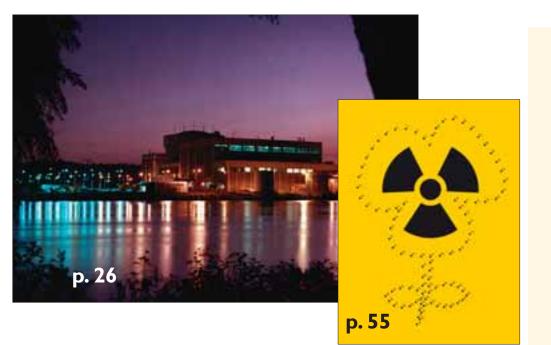
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#### FUEL

NRC receives application for new uranium recovery facility. New report looks at uranium supply and demand through 2020. GE-Hitachi moves forward with plans for uranium enrichment plant. Nuclear plants needed to irradiate MOX fuel.

#### INDUSTRY

Westinghouse to acquire French firm; other business developments. GE-Hitachi signed for work on power uprate at Nine Mile Point-2; other contracts.

#### **ISOTOPES & RADIATION**

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