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are apparently located underground.

THE NRC HAS ISSUED AN ACTION PLAN FOR CLEANUP OF 46 SITES that were included in the agency's Site Decommissioning Management Plan (SDMP) in 1990. The sites are all radioactive materials handling facilities in various stages of decommissioning; some of them are still under active Nuclear Regulatory Commission licenses, some of them were under licenses that are now terminated, and some were never licensed. In the Action Plan, which was published in the April 16 *Federal Register*, the NRC says that while the SDMP has helped in the coordination and resolution of some decommissioning policy and regulatory issues, progress on the actual remediation of the sites has been slow. The Plan identifies criteria to guide the cleanups; states the NRC position on the finality of decommissioning decisions; says that the NRC generally expects cleanup of a site to be finished within four years after operations cease, or within three years after an initial cleanup order by the NRC staff; identifies guidance on site characterization in support of decommissioning; and describes the procedures that the NRC would use, if necessary, to compel timely cleanup. These procedures could include enforcement actions, demands for information, or orders for funds to be paid into decommissioning escrow accounts if established cleanup schedules are not met. The Action Plan itself does not include enforceable standards and is not meant to create new rights or obligations on third parties; implementation of the plan in particular cases may require the establishment of legally binding requirements. The SDMP sites are as

follows: Advanced Medical Systems, Cleveland, Ohio; ALCOA, Cleveland, Ohio; AMAX, Wood City, W.Va.; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.; Army Arsenal, Watertown, Pa.; Babcock & Wilcox, Parks Township and Apollo, Pa.; BP Chemicals, Lima, Ohio; Budd Company, Philadelphia, Pa.; Cabot Corporation, Boyertown, Reading, and Revere, Pa.; Chemetron Corporation, Bert Ave. and Harvard Ave., Cleveland, Ohio; Chevron Corporation, Pawling, N.Y.; Dow Chemical, Midland, Mich.; Elkem Metals, Marietta, Ohio; Engelhard, Plainville, Mass.; Fansteel, Muskogee, Okla.; General Services Administration, Watertown/Boston, Mass.; Hartley and Hartley, Bay City, Mich.; Heritage Minerals, Lakehurst, N.J.; Kerr-McGee (Cimarron), Crescent, Okla.; Kerr-McGee, Cushing, Okla.; Magnesium Elektron, Flemington, N.J.; NE Ohio Regional Sewer District, Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio; Nuclear Metals, Concord, Mass.; Molycorp, Washington and York, Pa.; Permagrafin, Media, Pa.; Pesses Chemical, Pulaski, Pa.; Process Technology, Rockaway, N.J.; Remington Arms Company, Independence, Mo.; RMI Titanium, Ashtabula, Ohio; Safety Light Corporation, Bloomsburg, Pa.; Schott Glass, Duryea, Pa.; Shieldalloy, Cambridge, Mass. and Newfield, N.J.; Texas Instruments, Attleboro, Mass.; United Nuclear Corporation, Wood River Junction, R.I.; Victoreen, Cleveland, Ohio; Westinghouse (Waltz Mill), Madison, Pa.; West Lake Landfill, St. Louis, Mo.; Whittaker Metals, Greenville, Pa.; Wyman-Gordon, North Grafton, Mass.; and 3M Company, New Brighton, Minn.

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