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### **MPR Associates to Present at EPRI's Buried Pipe Integrity Group Meeting**

Alexandria, VA (February 3, 2011) – MPR Associates' John Simons is to present with Kinectrics' Dr. Armando Antoniazzi at the next EPRI Buried Pipe Integrity Group (BPIG) meeting taking place February 15 – 17, 2011 at the Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast, Florida.

Mr. Simons, a MPR Senior Nuclear Engineer, and Dr. Antoniazzi will be giving a presentation entitled "*Case Studies on Tritium Pathways*." This presentation will cover tritium and the various pathways it can take to reach the environment. Additionally, case studies specifically covering complex tritium pathways which have occurred will be included in the presentation. This presentation will also establish why the industry should be thinking about tritium differently versus other types of isotopes.

EPRI's Buried Pipe Integrity Group meetings works to support the needs of nuclear plant owners with respect to ensuring the structural integrity and operability of nuclear plant buried piping.

Please contact MPR Associates with any questions or if you would like to receive a copy of this presentation.

#### **About MPR**

MPR Associates is an employee-owned engineering and project management services firm founded in 1964. The company is headquartered in Alexandria, Va., with offices in Houston, Texas; Clifton Park, N.Y. (near Albany); and East Lyme, Conn. MPR maintains a staff of 200 and actively recruits promising engineers and scientists from major U.S. colleges and universities.

MPR specializes in serving the energy, and defense and national security, and health and life sciences market segments. The company supports clients in over 50 countries and 6 continents. The company is responsible for more than 200 patents and 100 "first-of-a-kind" proprietary solutions.

#### **About John Simons**

John Simons is a Senior Nuclear Engineer at MPR Associates. He joined MPR as a chemical engineer in 1987 and has over 24 years of industry experience. Since joining MPR, Mr. Simons has become an

industry leader in many nuclear engineering areas and has acted as an industry expert to major nuclear companies, utilities, and industry groups.

Mr. Simons is an industry expert on the degradation of reinforced concrete structures due to prolonged exposure to boric acid leakage. He has led numerous MPR efforts in this area while also contributing to EPRI's best practices guidance and other relevant industry publications. He also managed MPR's initiative into structural evaluations of buried concrete pipe in safety-related applications. Additionally, because of his spent fuel pool leakage experience, he was requested to participate on a tritium leakage task force geared towards identifying potential sources of tritium leakage to the environment from nuclear plants.