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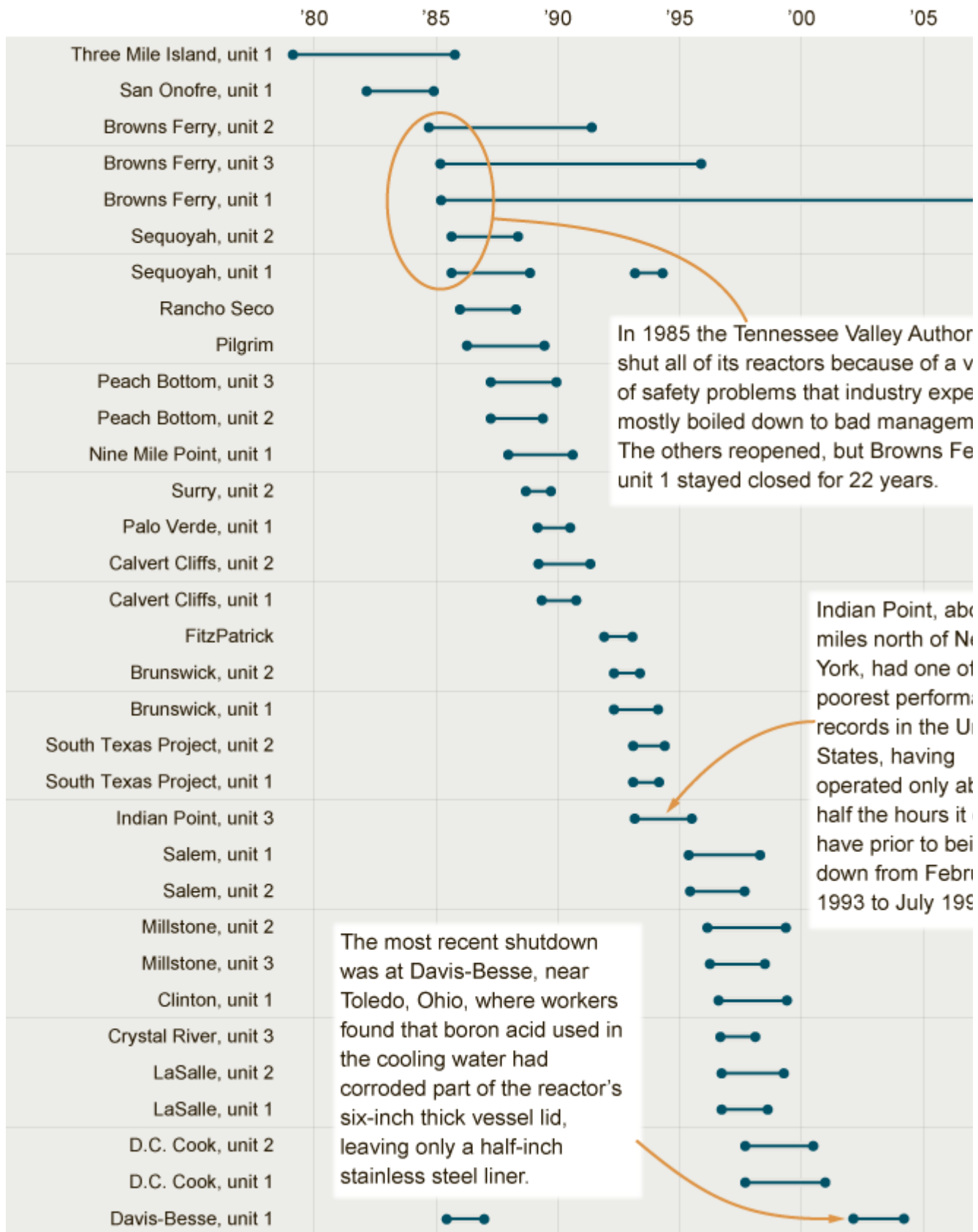
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A Record of Nuclear Oversight

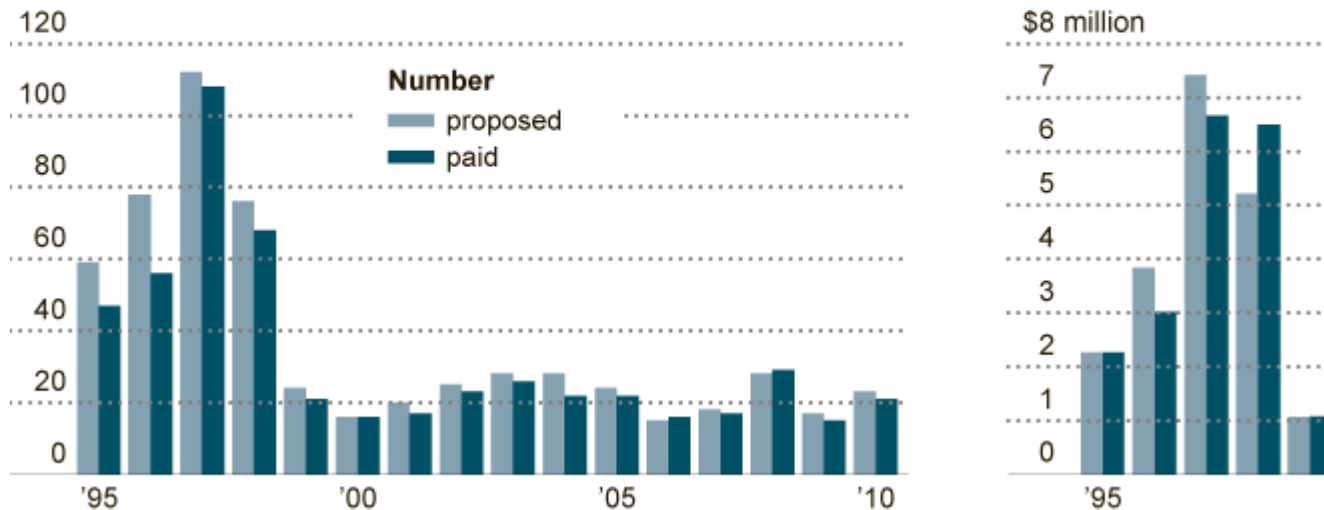
Since the partial meltdown at Three Mile Island's unit 2 reactor in 1979, on 35 occasions reactors have been order to restore safe operation because of a systemic, cumulative degradation of the reactor's components. C that point because of inadequate oversight. But the Nuclear Regulatory Commission points to a number of r assert that its oversight of the nuclear power industry has improved reactor safety in the last decade.

Nuclear power reactors shut down for a year or longer to restore safe operation



And in 1998, a Senate panel threatened to slash budgets and jobs at the N.R.C.
Civil penalties fell precipitously after that.

N.R.C. civil penalties



Note: penalty data is for fiscal years through 2004 and for calendar year thereafter.

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Sources: Nuclear Regulatory Commission; David Lochbaum (Union of Concerned Scientists)