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From: Frank Miraglia
To: Hubert J. Miller
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Subject: Re: ConEd Kelly visit and update on selected IP-2 issues

Thanks for the update. I believe we have set up some briefings of the EDO and Ta's next week.

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Kelly visit

John Groth called to tell me he and Kevin Burke spent an hour with Cong. Kelly on Monday. He said they laid out plans for restart and the testing/system walkdowns that will be done before hand. He said it was a fairly congenial exchange but the Congresswoman pressed them on several matters.

For example, Kelly pressed them on why they are not holding restart until NRC does it's special inspection. More generally, she asked many questions about the kind of oversight NRC is providing. [She told them she was concerned from the IG report that NRC and industry (including ConEd) act too much like a "club". Groth said he countered saying the only "club" he sees is the one he is hit with by the agency at times when he deserves it.] Groth told her what he knows of the inspections we are doing in advance of both restart and the 95003.

She said she wanted to visit the plant before restart "with cameras". [ConEd is not committing on cameras.] Public confidence is the issue in Kelly's eyes.

Our letter responding to her recent request to the Chairman addresses what we are doing pre- and post-restart. However, it seems to me, we need to think about another session with her at some level. If she tours the site, I could accompany her as before. We will want to talk about our strategy.

Lochbaum letter

I just received a letter from UCS saying that ConEd's denial of the steam gen violation (1997 outage work) needs to be resolved before restart. He urges not allowing startup "until the current owner accepts accountability...." or "the plant is transferred to a new owner." We will be coordinating on this.

Restart — equipment issues and system reviews

ConEd system "walkdowns" being performed following commitments made in the October meeting on system readiness have been of mixed value. Staff here gave ConEd feedback and we are still assessing their response. This coupled with a number of important, recent equipment problems (aux feed pump problems, DB-50 breaker failures, etc.) has kept equipment reliability at "the front of the stage" of restart issues. I have rearranged my schedule to go to the site Friday with Brian Holian and Randy Blough to hear from the team of inspectors we have on site this week looking at these issues.

ConEd is planning on heating up early next week and restarting as early as end of next week (which we believe to be quite optimistic). The IP-2 Technical Coordination Team will be briefing me on Monday morning, at the latest, regarding their assessment of restart issues. I understand Joe Shea is offering a Commission TA brief next Wednesday on general status.

Communications plan

We will be developing over the next few days a coordinated, proactive communications plan regarding restart.

I will continue to keep you informed on these matters as we get closer to restart.

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CC: William Travers