

From: Brent Clayton
To: William Dean
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Subject: Re: Quad Cities

Bill - Jesse and I did talk yesterday afternoon and I informed Jack Grobe and others. Thanks for getting back to us promptly. If all the necessary people are available, we could have the panel next Thursday (10 EST) during our usual enforcement panel time slot. As of now, we have no other cases to discuss next week so that would allow two full hours for discussion if needed. At that time we should also determine who will have the lead for the rest of the enforcement process (letters, conference, NOV, etc.) - NRR or RIII. Not that we need the work, but I'd suggest the region take the lead because we have a process in place and it would probably be more efficient than your staff doing it for maybe the first time. ---Brent

>>> William Dean 06/23 6:25 AM >>>

With respect to our discussions yesterday at the preliminary panel, we tried to get in touch with both of you by phone yesterday afternoon to provide you with our consensus opinion from the program office that we need to look at the QC issues in the light of the new process. We had a long discussion with my staff and the Safeguards staff, and believe that is the proper way to deal with the issue. We recommended to David that he use the language in the exit that Terry and Jack described yesterday, in that there was a violation of 73.55(a) that we are evaluating using our current processes. If the licensee presses for the status of this review, then we should indicate that our preliminary assessment is that the issue is of greater than very low (green) significance.

This would set up the next stage to look at the issue within the context of the SDP. Our panel would look critically at the assumptions that Doug utilized and there is a reasonable chance that yellow would be the appropriate outcome. This would appear to match the level of "angst" associated with the issue and would define a response similar to past practices for similar issues. I would propose a panel in the next week to address the risk significance aspect of the issue.

CC: Chris Miller, David Orrik, Doug Coe, Geoffrey G...

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