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IP-2 Potential 50.9 issue

I've traded several e-mails this morning with Greg Cwalina, my counterpart at NRR, about the issue of whether IP-2 provided complete and accurate information during phone calls w/NRR in the 5-6/97 time frame about S/G tube inspection results. It would appear that there was no discussion of cracking in the low row tubes during the 5-6/97 phone calls. However, a late-July 1997 IP-2 report officially documented a crack in one of the low row tubes. The question is whether IP-2 knew about the low row tube degradation in the earlier phone calls in 5-6/97, and chose not to discuss them for whatever reason (one could be that they did not want NRC to ask them to do more inspections based on the finding, therfore delaying subsequent startup). Without knowing any more information about when IP-2 oficially knew about the problem with the tube, this looks on the surface, to be potential 50.9. We should probably have an SSW ARB to discuss. Please review the attached e-mails, which include NRR tech staff comments about the issue. Let me know when you would like to have the ARB. We should include some people from NRR in on the ARB discussion. Also, a Staff-Suspected Wrongdoing Allegation Receipt Report should be developed for this issue. Please let me know if this can be done shortly or what kind of help you need.

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