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Subject: What Green?

Dave,

I'm getting letters and e-mails that quote you as saying our preliminary SDP for the Davis-Besse head wastage event was a "green." To the best of my knowledge, and I have checked with the appropriate people, nobody at NRC has issued any official "preliminary SDP result" in any color. So, I'm wondering where you got the impression that we have issued a "green" finding.

As you know, we are working hard to realistically assess the risk significance, and I remember telling you at the public meeting that it MIGHT come out as low as a white of even a green IF some things turned out to be true. But we are still checking some of those things and are still discovering more complications. So I hope you are not assuming that you can predict our result on the basis of what you have heard, so far.

Anyway, none of this negates your observation that the agency has responded in a manner that is inconsistent with a green finding, without waiting for the SDP finding to justify the response. Like you, I have addressed that issue before the LLTF, because I think there is something of a policy/process nature to be learned from this situation.

Steve

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