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All,

Please read the attached memo and see your supervisors if you have any questions.

Thanks, Kevin

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Yellow Memo

October 15, 2003

Memorandum: Vermont Yankee Personnel
From: Kevin Bronson
Subject: Fire System Pressure Perturbation

While restoring from a modification on a portion of the Fire System, an eight-inch valve was opened to refill a section of system piping. The system perturbation caused both Fire Pumps to auto start. The resulting pressure transient caused significant packing leakage on the eight-inch valve, and the lifting of various deluge system relief valves. (ER 2003-2264)

Neither the Mod package step text nor the switching/tagging restoration instructions provided guidance on how to minimize/eliminate this pressure transient while refilling the section of voided piping.

What's the REAL message?

We work in a very complex and integrated plant environment. When preparing documents such as plant modifications, work orders, and switching and tagging instructions, the integrated effects of each action taken must be considered. "What if...?" must be asked. Appropriate barriers / instructions must be included in instructions.

QUESTIONING ATTITUDE isn't limited to the person lifting the lead, turning the wrench, or opening the valve. A **QUESTIONING ATTITUDE** must be applied in everything we do. A great way to increase the number of questions asked when performing any task (including the preparation of documents) is to ask for a **PEER CHECK**.