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Latest Update:

The SNM Investigation team recently completed its first month of activities. During that month the team:

1. Assembled a team consisting of VY staff, Entergy shared resources, and external contractors,
2. Completed a thorough video camera inspection of the entire spent fuel pool (under the spent fuel racks, on top of the spent fuel racks, inside over 100 vacant fuel storage cells, and inside all storage containers in the spent fuel pool),
3. Verified that all spent fuel assemblies stored in the pool are in the correct fuel rack locations,
4. Established work instructions to direct team activities,
5. Identified over 3500 documents requiring review,
6. Identified almost 100 names as possible interviewees and initiated interviews, and
7. Began the careful process of methodically reviewing documents, recording pertinent information and ensuring that information can be converted to fact through independent verification.
- 8) Provided the required 30 day verbal update to the NRC.

Our judgment to date is that the two spent fuel rod pieces are most probably not in the spent fuel pool. Many pieces of data support a conclusion that the pieces were inadvertently shipped to a licensed waste storage facility during a spent fuel pool cleanup campaign.

However, the importance of this issue requires that the team methodically assess all available information to properly conclude where the pieces may be and what corrective actions are needed.

The team is currently assessing the progress to date and is developing a revised schedule for completion of the task.

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