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**To:** <Drkymn@aol.com>, <ARB@nrc.gov>  
**Date:** 4/28/05 11:52PM  
**Subject:** Re: "Smoking Guns at PSEG"

Randy,

Dr Harvin is being polite.  
Post it on ADAMS or on a "Post-It" note. The point is that NRC must show some backbone and intervene NOW at PSEG/Exel-not's three nukes BEFORE we have "Davis Besse on the Delaware".

NRC, in its actions the last year and a half, has shown itself to be squarely on the side of short-term utility profits, and not on the side of safety. By rubber-stamping PSEG's firing of Dr Harvin, by allowing Hope Creek to be on line with a defective B recirc pump, by saying that there is a SCWE problem at PSEG, and then allowing the nukes to continue to operate, NRC is making it clear where it stands.

Prove to me I'm wrong, Randy, not by words and polite phone calls that mean nothing, but by your actions.

Yes, you can post my comments to ADAMS as well.

Sincerely,  
Norm Cohen  
Coordinator, UNPLUG Salem Campaign

On Thu, 28 Apr 2005 15:59:00 EDT, <Drkymn@aol.com> wrote:

> Mr. Blough,  
> Randy:  
> Yes, you may put my correspondence on ADAMS.  
> I do want to make it clear that I urged--and continue to urge--the NRC,  
> and  
> now the Government Accountability Office and the Inspector General's  
> Office,  
> to interview Mr. Brothers under oath, not just about ERB-related  
> matters but  
> about all matters related to the safe operation of Salem and Hope Creek.  
> Mr. Brothers is quite knowledgeable, having served at Salem/Hope Creek  
> when  
> it was being managed by PSEG and now being managed by Exelon. I  
> believe he  
> can point out misrepresentations made to regulators by PSEG and Exelon,  
> he can  
> point out weaknesses in the NRC regulatory oversight process, and he can  
> make it clear why he believes safety culture and Safety Conscious Work  
> Environment matters are not being genuinely supported by the NRC, INPO  
> or in some  
> cases utilities.  
> I do not agree with Mr. Brothers on everything. But I do consider him  
> a man  
> of courage and integrity, willing to tell the truth even when warned  
> against

> doing so. I do not believe he will put the self-interest of his career  
> before public safety. The time has come for his voice to be heard and  
> for the  
> truth to come out. I consider it the government's responsibility to  
> avail  
> itself of Mr. Brothers' knowledge, experience, evidence, and insight.  
> It would  
> be a travesty not to do so.  
> Sincerely,  
> Nancy Kymn Harvin, Ph.D.  
> Leaders Worth Following  
> In a message dated 4/26/2005 7:46:39 AM Eastern Standard Time,  
> ARB@nrc.gov  
> writes:  
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> Kymn,  
> You asked that we ensure that our NRC team this week, which is  
> following up  
> on PSEG's response to our letter about Executive Review Board (ERB)  
> issues,  
> be sure to talk to Mike Brothers, who has just recently resigned as a  
> VP at  
> Salem/Hope Creek. We agree that he has been a key person. We have  
> initiated  
> several discussions with Mr. Brothers on ERB issues, as early as  
> January 7 and  
> as recently as last Friday. The team onsite has the benefit of those,  
> and  
> will make a decision in-process as to whether to contact him again.  
> Thanks for informing me of your views. Looking at what you sent me, I  
> believe it is appropriate to put your email, as well as this response,  
> into ADAMS  
> as publicly available documents, but only if you concur - - would you  
> agree?  
> Regards,  
> Randy Blough  
> NRC Region 1  
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>>>> <Drkymn@aol.com> 04/25/05 10:24AM >>>>  
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> Mr. Blough  
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> Randy,  
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> Based on our recent dialogue about Exelon's lack of support for genuine  
> safety culture improvements at Salem and Hope Creek, I am sure you are  
> not  
> surprised to learn that Vice President Mike Brothers has resigned from  
> PSEG  
> Nuclear. As you know, Mike was in charge of the Safety Conscious Work  
> Environment  
> initiatives and felt virtually powerless, even though a Vice President.  
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>  
> I understand a three person NRC team will be at Salem/Hope Creek  
> starting  
> today to follow up on the Executive Review Board procedure violations  
> and

> to  
> interview people. I encourage you to be sure Mike is one of those  
> people.  
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> The NRC needs to face the real reasons behind Mr. Brothers' departure.  
> It's  
> not because he has a better job offer somewhere else.  
> While it is not a resigning utility vice president's responsibility to  
> "connect the dots" for the NRC, but Mike Brothers could clearly do so.  
> Does the  
> NRC care enough to elicit the truth from him? And if you do, what  
> will  
> the  
> NRC do with all the evidence he gives you?  
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> I believe a cache of "smoking guns" is there for the taking at PSEG  
> Nuclear.  
> But I, and countless others, have lost faith that the NRC cares. In  
> fact,  
> some think the NRC helps keep evidence "buried" and out of the public  
> eye.  
> It's like the NRC finds the guns, wipes off all the fingerprints, and  
> throws  
> them in a dumpster.  
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> Things are VERY awry at Salem and Hope Creek.  
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> When is the NRC going to realize this and do more than turn a blind  
> eye and  
> a deaf ear to the people trying to shed light?  
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> How many more "departures" (inappropriate terminations, firings,  
> resignations) need to happen for the NRC to realize another  
> Davis-Besse is  
> evolving  
> before your very eyes?  
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> Why, when the NRC staff repeatedly said they were looking for a  
> "smoking  
> gun," does the NRC ignore the facts--forced shutdowns, pipe breaks,  
> safety  
> systems malfunctioning, training on probation, fraudulent maintenance  
> records,  
> managers risking everything to make public the site's nuclear safety  
> issues,  
> four Chief Nuclear Officers and four Site Vice Presidents in less than  
> two  
> years?  
>  
> When taken together, these facts are compelling evidence of a utility  
> on  
> the  
> verge of disaster. Even INPO's own research makes this case.  
> Smaller  
> issues than this halt Acela runs. Smaller issues than this ground a

> 747.  
> Smaller issues than this now cancel a NASA space launch.  
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> Are we really going to wait for an "event" that, according to industry  
> statistics, is just around the corner?  
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> Do you really want to do that to our country, our industry, the  
> American  
> people?  
>  
> Do you, Randy? If you cannot get sufficient support from Region 1, I  
> urge  
> you--for the sake of all of us--to go direct to the Commissioners, the  
> Government Accountability Office, the Inspector General's Office. I am  
> copying them  
> on this letter to alert them to this situation and to ask for their  
> support.  
> None of us can win this battle alone. A few people, willing to buck  
> the  
> system, can turn the tide. Public safety must be first.  
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> We're counting on you, Randy.  
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> Sincerely,  
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> Kymn  
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> Leaders Worth Following  
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"A time comes when silence is betrayal.  
Even when pressed by the demands of  
inner truth, men do not easily assume  
the task of opposing their government's  
policy, especially in time of war.  
Nor does the human spirit move without  
great difficulty against all the apathy  
of conformist thought, within one's own  
bosom and in the surrounding world."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

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