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Mr. Blough

Randy,

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.

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.

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?

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.

Things are VERY awry at Salem and Hope Creek.

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?

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?

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.

Are we really going to wait for an "event" that, according to industry statistics, is just around the corner?

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.

We're counting on you, Randy.

Sincerely,

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