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From: Ryan Alexander
To: Kenneth Riemer; Patrick Louden; R. Michael Morris
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Subject: Fwd: Point Beach - Worker in bubble suit issue

Gentlemen:

Following my in-office review of the RCE 253 (specific to the nozzle dam installation industrial/radiological safety issues), I discussed the Point Beach failures with regard to their use of Bubble Hoods with the NRR HP staff (Roger Pedersen) last week and during the 6/1/04 HP Counterpart call. On that call, we received RESOUNDING support for our actions in documenting this event.

With further communications with the NRR HPs today, they indicated (as noted by the attached e-mail) that their senior management was knowledgeable of the events and wants to ensure that we FULLY document not only the radiological/respiratory protection issues, but the cross cutting elements AND the fact that this was a potentially life threatening event!

The one question they have is whether the Region referred this issue to OSHA per the MOU. I told them, that I BELIEVED that the Resident's did so (but frankly my memory is shot on those specifics). Mike/Pat, could you please confirm or deny this, so that I can get back to the NRR HPs??

FYI... the licensee (RP Dept - Stu Thomas) has been fully briefed on the route we intend to take on this issue (Green Finding w/ NCV against 10 CFR 20.1703) - with LITTLE vocal disagreement. But due to one open clarifying question I have for RP, and my and the RP Dept's availability the next week or so, we are tentatively looking for a TELEPHONIC Re-Exit during the Week of June 14. Following that re-exit, DRP Branch 7 will receive our Revision to the inspection report input for IR 2004-03.

Please if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me!

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