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RE MILLSTONE ALERT DECLARATION

OF APRIL 17, 2005

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9 MR. PARTICIPANT: Is the licensee on?

10 MR. PARTICIPANT: Yes. This is Mike
11 Gobeli, the Duty Officer at Millstone 3. I'm on the
12 line.

13 MR. KNOKE: Yes. They are connected. The
14 licensee should be on.

15 MR. MATTHEWS: Sam, why don't you lead the
16 questioning?

17 MR. COLLINS: I'm sorry. I couldn't hear
18 that?

19 MR. MATTHEWS: I was going to suggest, Sam,
20 that you lead the questioning.

21 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Was that you, Dave?

22 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes. I'm sorry.

23 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Thank you. And who do
24 we have on the line from the licensee, please?

25 MR. KNOKE: Michael Gobeli, are you there?

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1 MR. GOBELI: That's correct.

2 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Mike, this is Sam
3 Collins, the Regional Administrator. You have a
4 number of people on the line here from NRC Region I
5 and Headquarters.

6 MR. GOBELI: Okay. Well, we're on a
7 conference call with Region I Headquarters.

8 MR. COLLINS: Right. And that call is
9 being bridged through the Headquarters Operations
10 Officer. And I believe it's being recorded, which is
11 the normal course. (Inaudible) At this time.

12 MR. GOBELI: I understand we're on a
13 conference call and it's being recorded.

14 MR. COLLINS: Max, so could you brief us on
15 the status of the plant and the status of your
16 declaration of emergency, please?

17 MR. GOBELI: Millstone, Unit 3 is in mode
18 3 at zero percent reactor power. We were operating at
19 100 percent reactor power in mode 1. At 0829, we had
20 a main steam safety lift on the bravo steam generator.
21 It was a low pressure reactor trip with a safety
22 injection. We classified that as an alert at 0842.

23 The bravo steam generator's safety
24 subsequently receded. The operating crew entered
25 procedure EED and worked through that. The safety

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1 injection was terminated. Subsequent to that, bravo
2 steam generator's safety reseating, we had bravo and
3 charlie steam generators safeties lifted.

4 At one point, we had -- it was reported we
5 had five main steam safeties open. At our current
6 state, all the safeties have been reseated and we are
7 sitting here in mode 3.

8 And I have faxed the notification form
9 down. Other than the safety lifting, nothing was
10 unusual. All systems did function as required. And
11 that's all I have right now.

12 MR. HOLIAN: This is Brian Holian in Region
13 1. What's RCS's pressure and temperature?

14 MR. GOBELI: RCS's pressure and
15 temperature? RCS's pressure is, let's see, 1955 and
16 stable. RCS's temperature T-Ave, I'm trying to read
17 their monitor. It's about five feet away. T-Ave
18 appears to be 555 degrees and stable.

19 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Are you -- this is Sam
20 Collins again. Thank you for that. Are you still in
21 the alert declaration at this time?

22 MR. GOBELI: Yes. We activated our station
23 emergency response organization. And we cannot
24 terminate that until they -- they terminate that from
25 the emergency operations facility. So, yes that is

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1 correct. We are still in the alert declaration at
2 this time.

3 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

4 MR. HOLIAN: Is your safety injection
5 system still operating?

6 MR. GOBELI: Well I think it is -- we've
7 secured safety injection. That's correct, right?
8 Hang on. We'll give you an update on it then.

9 Normal safety injection has been secured.
10 We have one charging pump running. (Inaudible).

11 MR. ROWLEY: Normal charging?

12 MR. GOBELI: Normal charging in lock down
13 on the primary side. Yes. I think John had asked me
14 earlier if the reactor tripped functionally. All the
15 rods were in. All the rods tripped and no rods stuck.
16 So we secured the safety injection and we're on normal
17 charging lock down now.

18 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Jim. Are you on the
19 line? Jim Wiggins?

20 MR. WIGGINS: Yes, Sam. I'm Jim Wiggins.
21 Yes, I am.

22 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

23 MR. WIGGINS: And Brian, I would suggest
24 that we get Bob Bores (phonetic) and Diane Screnci
25 bridged on the line here.

1 MR. PARTICIPANT: Right.

2 MR. MCGINTY: Yes. Sam, this is McGinty.
3 We'll need to -- once we get enough information from
4 the licensee, we should probably separate ourselves
5 once again. Understand -- and then we need to discuss
6 quickly whether or not we need to activate or not. We
7 have 30 minutes to do that.

8 But I'd like to understand -- it appears
9 that they have most of the conditions that would allow
10 them to secure -- to not be in an alert state any--
11 I'd like to understand how -- what conditions will
12 clear it.

13 This is to the licensee. Could you tell
14 me what the status the plant needs to be in in order
15 for you to no longer be in a declared emergency?

16 MR. GOBELI: You would like to know what
17 conditions we need to be in to terminate from the
18 alert?

19 MR. MCGINTY: Yes.

20 MR. GOBELI: Okay. Please stand by.

21 MR. PARTICIPANT: Ops Officer, are you on
22 the line?

23 MR. KNOKE: Yes, I am.

24 MR. PARTICIPANT: Okay. Would you get
25 Robert -- Bob Bores from Region 1, and Diane Screnci

1 on the bridge? And Sam, the other thing that I'd --

2 MR. KNOKE: Diane and Bob who? Bores, B-O-
3 R-E-S.

4 MS. MACNAMARA: Brian, Nancy MacNamara is
5 on the line. Is there something you'd like for me to
6 do?

7 MR. HOLIAN: Not right now. Just listen
8 in.

9 MS. MACNAMARA: Okay.

10 MR. TRAPP: Hey Brian, this is Jim Trapp
11 (phonetic). Just a question. Since we don't know the
12 cause for those five safeties opening, I mean, what--
13 what confidence do we have that that's not going to
14 occur again?

15 MR. HOLIAN: That's the right question.

16 MR. PARTICIPANT: Sometime, if you have an
17 opportunity, I'd like (inaudible) you explain
18 (inaudible) radiological release.

19 MR. DYER: Brian, this is Jim. I presume
20 they're talking about safety reliefs.

21 MR. PARTICIPANT: SRVs (inaudible)
22 secondary stock.

23 MR DYER: That's what they said, at SRV.
24 There must be a relief function, meaning some ability
25 to command the valves to open, because, either that

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1 or, you know, there's no indication, I presume, that
2 they had any high pressure safety function or a
3 function of a safety valve needed to be executed in
4 this. It sounds like it was a relief valve kind of
5 thing.

6 MR. PARTICIPANT: Yes.

7 MR. DYER: They have four ADVs at Millstone
8 and the rest of the things that he's talking about are
9 safeties with no function to open -- no operator
10 function to open.

11 MR. PARTICIPANT: Yes. But then, what
12 opened?

13 MR. PARTICIPANT: Maybe he's saying the
14 SRVs closed or not.

15 MR. DYER: Sam, this is Jim. I think that
16 whatever this is, it's going to take a bit to sort it
17 out. And I was wondering if you would consider
18 getting residents in there and getting a -- getting a
19 core group of people in the instant response center in
20 Region 1, just to sort this out.

21 MR. COLLINS: Yes. I agree.

22 MR. DYER: Okay. And I think, you know,
23 Brian, you need to gather a staff, okay?

24 MR. PARTICIPANT: Yes. I understand.

25 MR. DYER: You need to -- you need to

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1 assign, you know -- either you go yourself or get a
2 Branch Chief in there and get a tech guy to handle
3 phones. And, you know, we need to straighten this
4 out.

5 Have you had any luck raising a resident
6 yet to get a resident in?

7 MR. PARTICIPANT: Yes. Jim, this is Max.
8 I'm on line.

9 MR. DYER: Okay. Where are you Max? Are
10 you at the station?

11 MR. PARTICIPANT: No, actually I'm in a
12 truck, on a cell phone. And I could turn around and
13 go back toward the station. I just came from Home
14 Depot, so that's kind of more toward the station.

15 MR. HOLIAN: Yes, Max. It's Brian. I'd
16 head into the station and get Silas or -- who's your
17 other resident there now?

18 MR. PARTICIPANT: Kevin Mangan. Silas was
19 actually thinking of coming in today for the drain
20 down on Unit 2, so I would think he'd be in there.
21 But I'll check.

22 MR. PARTICIPANT: Okay. We need to get
23 somebody in there.

24 MR. KNOKE: This is the HOO. We tried to
25 contact the other two RIs and they were not responsive

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Is the licensee still on the line?

MR. GOBELI: That's correct. (Inaudible)

MR. COLLINS: Licensee, are you still on
the line?

MR. GOBELI: Yes.

MR. COLLINS: Yes, he is. Okay. Good.
Just a word so we know who we're talking to. Can you

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1 identify yourself? What's your position at the -- on
2 the shift and where are you located?

3 MR. GOBELI: All right. This is Mike
4 Gobeli. I'm station Duty Officer at Millstone, Unit
5 3. I'm a shift technical advisor on Millstone, Unit
6 2, reporting to the affected unit. I'm in the control
7 room at Millstone, Unit 3 right now.

8 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Thank you.

9 MR. MATTHEWS: Jim and Sam? I think we've
10 -- this is Dave Matthews. We need to keep on track
11 with regard to -- and I'll trust Tim McGinty will keep
12 us on track with regard to a decision on activation.

13 MR. MCGINTY: Yes. I think -- this is
14 McGinty. I believe that most of the activities are,
15 in fact, under way. Sam, would you agree that we
16 should declare a monitoring mode for a response mode?

17 MR. COLLINS: Yes, I do.

18 MR. WIGGINS: Yes. This is Jim Wiggins
19 too. That seems a smart thing to do, Tim, considering
20 where we are with this.

21 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. NRR concurs in that.
22 I will call Jim Dyer separately this morning on my
23 cell phone and see if he wants to get involved, Sam.

24 MR. COLLINS: Okay. David, would you also
25 be sure that Ellis Mershoff is aware?

1 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes. I'll do both.

2 MR. COLLINS: He's not on the bridge now
3 and --

4 MR. MATTHEWS: No. And I don't know that
5 I need to get him there. But let me make sure both of
6 them are there.

7 MR. WIGGINS: No. Ellis needs a phone call
8 from the RA or someone. So we need to get him up.

9 MR. COLLINS: We can do that, Jim. We can
10 do that when we're in a position of doing it. But if
11 he's in a better position to make initial calls.

12 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes. Let me please call Jim
13 Dyer and Ellis. I'll let them know what's going on
14 and if they agree they need to get on the bridge, they
15 will. Or if you have to have separate communication,
16 we can make that happen.

17 MR. COLLINS: All right.

18 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay?

19 MR. MCGINTY: Sam. This is McGinty. The
20 next thing I'd like to do is have the HOOs do their
21 procedure, where they would establish a person -- a
22 few individuals to maintain communications with the
23 licensee, but separate from most of the folks that are
24 currently monitoring this call.

25 MR. COLLINS: Agree.

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1 MR. MCGINTY: Then we can have discussions
2 on NRC activities.

3 MR. COLLINS: Right. Yes. Brian, are you
4 going to head into the Incident Response Center?

5 MR. HOLIAN: This is Brian Holian, Sam.
6 I'm about an hour away. So I'm holding on right now.
7 I have to borrow a car. I'm out in Redding at a
8 little league game. I can head in. I'm just checking
9 on Randy.

10 MR. LANNING: Sam? It's Lanning
11 (phonetic). I'm on my way in.

12 MR. COLLINS: Wayne's on his way. Okay.
13 Wayne, you can head up to the Incident Response
14 Center?

15 MR. LANNING: Yes. I'm going to drop off
16 the phone and hit the road.

17 MR. COLLINS: All right. And you know Matt
18 and Felicia are going to meet you in there?

19 MR. LANNING: Yes.

20 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Jim, can you
21 coordinate from your end as far as continuity on the
22 phone. Because I'm a ways away and on my cell phone.
23 I'm not sure I can stay in constant contact. Are you
24 at home?

25 MR. WIGGINS: Yes, I'm at home.

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1 MR. COLLINS: Okay. You maintain
2 continuity until Wayne makes it in?

3 MR. WIGGINS: Yes. Until we get somebody
4 in.

5 MR. KNOKE: Hi. This the HOO. We've tried
6 to contact Randy Blough and he has no response to his
7 cell phone or pager.

8 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Did you get Paul
9 Krohn?

10 MR. KNOKE: We're in the process of --
11 we're trying to get him. But we haven't got him yet.

12 MR. COLLINS: Okay. All right. So it's my
13 understanding -- let's just recap. My understanding
14 is that we're in the marking mode. Wayne is
15 responding to the Incident Response Center with
16 Felicia. Diane, are you on the line? Diane Screnci?
17 Do we have anybody from Public Affairs on the line?

18 MR. Participant: We've asked her to join,
19 Sam. We haven't heard from her yet.

20 MR. COLLINS: Okay. That's an IOU. We
21 need to get a loop back to them when we get the right
22 people available. And Bob Bores, are you on the line?

23 MR. BORES: I am.

24 MR. COLLINS: Okay, Bob. Will you take the
25 lead for state notification when we reach that point?

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1 MR. BORES: Sure I will.

2 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Jim, do we need
3 anybody at protective measures at this point?

4 MR. WIGGINS: I don't -- if it's true that
5 the valves are closed, I would think not. It's the
6 normal, you know, unless there's no attendance steam
7 generator, a tube rupture (phonetic), what you have is
8 the normal discussion about oh, you know, release out
9 of a steam generator with probably some background
10 amount leakage in it.

11 So I don't know if we need that. If it's
12 more a government liaison and public affairs piece and
13 reactor safety piece, I think Sam.

14 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Could we ask the
15 Headquarters Operations Officer to escort Ellis
16 Merschoff on a separate bridge. And then Jim, you
17 can brief him and get him up to speed?

18 MR. WIGGINS: Yes. That would be good.

19 MR. KNOKE: Okay. You want Ellis Merschoff
20 on a separate bridge?

21 MR. WIGGINS: Yes. Thank you. And then--
22 then I'll call in to brief him.

23 MR. KNOKE: And who will be the contact
24 he'll be talking to?

25 MR. WIGGINS: Jim Wiggins. Jim Wiggins,

1 Deputy Regional Administrator of Region 1.

2 MR. KNOKE: Okay. I will get him and I'll
3 try and put you both on a separate bridge.

4 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

5 MR. COLLINS: Brian, are you able to keep
6 fairly constant communication with the licensee from
7 where you are until Wayne comes in?

8 MR. HOLIAN: Yes, I am.

9 MR. WIGGINS: And then you can cover with
10 Wayne on the technical details at your end?

11 MR. HOLIAN: Yes.

12 MR. COLLINS: And Jim and I, between the
13 two of us, will handle the internal and external
14 notifications. Jim Trapp (phonetic), are you
15 available to get to the IRC?

16 MR. TRAPP: Yes, I can get there.

17 MR. FLOREK: Brian, this is Don Florek.
18 Felicia asked me to come in with her, so I'm leaving
19 right now too.

20 MS. PARTICIPANT: Hey Don. This is Nancy.
21 I'll go in. I am close her. I'll help her.

22 MR. COLLINS: Is Wayne still on the line?

23 MR. HOLIAN: Wayne has -- Wayne Lanning got
24 off of this phone, I guess. He might be getting off
25 of his cell phone. But he's on his way in, Sam.

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1 MR. COLLINS: Okay Brian, I'll let you
2 coordinate how many and what types of personnel you
3 need in there. But right now it sounds like you may
4 have three.

5 MR. HOLIAN: Okay.

6 (Whereupon, 2 minutes the conversation was
7 inaudible)

8 MR. COLLINS: I'm sorry, John White. You
9 were breaking up, if that was you.

10 MR. WHITE: My question is, is there a need
11 for protective measures at the center at this time?

12 MR. PARTICIPANT: It doesn't look like it,
13 John.

14 MR. BORES: Can somebody else actually do
15 the government notifications? I'm on my way to the
16 airport right now to pick up someone.

17 MR. COLLINS: Did you say can somebody?

18 MR. BORES: Yes. Can somebody else pick it
19 up?

20 MR. COLLINS: We don't know, Bob. But
21 that's something for you to arrange. Right now we're
22 (Inaudible). Who would you suggest? You've got to
23 solve this problem for us. Otherwise, you know.

24 MR. BORES: Well anybody.

25 MR. COLLINS: Well, I can make the initial

1 notification there and say stay tuned.

2 MR. COLLINS: Jim Wiggins, are you still on
3 line?

4 MR. WIGGINS: Yes.

5 MR. COLLINS: Jim, I think one question we
6 need to ask the licensee fairly soon, is whether they
7 think there's any unusual activity that would warrant
8 NSIR involved at licensees any other type of
9 equipment.

10 MR. WIGGINS: I agree, Sam. I agree.

11 MR. COLLINS: All right. Do you want to
12 ask him? Do you want to get that? Do you want to do
13 it now.

14 MR. WIGGINS: If you don't mind, because
15 I'm on a cell phone and I'm not sure how long I'm
16 going to last.

17 MR. COLLINS: Why don't you just take the
18 lead on that line of questioning and the management of
19 the event for the Region. And I'll stay on as long as
20 I can. And then, within the next ten minutes, you and
21 I can decide how we want if one of us wants to go into
22 the IRC (inaudible).

23 MR. KNOKE: This is the HOO. And, in
24 addition to the internal notifications, we will also
25 be doing external notifications, which are a lot of

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1 the government agencies. I don't know if anyone in
2 particular wants to do that. But we have that in our
3 operations instructions to coordinate with DHS, FEMA,
4 DOE, and (inaudible).

5 MR. COLLINS: Do you do that through
6 (inaudible), or do you take the lead yourself?

7 MR. KNOKE: We take that through our
8 procedure of going into a monitoring mode.

9 MR. COLLINS: Do we need to have the answer
10 to that question, Jim, or at least a good perspective
11 on it before we make our notifications.

12 MR. WIGGINS: We need to have it. I have
13 an idea on how to do it. So we'll talk to the
14 licensee on this line and then we'll have John White
15 talk separately then, using his contacts.

16 John. John White. Are you still on?

17 MR. WHITE: Yes. I'm still here, Jim.

18 MR. WIGGINS: All right, John. What I need
19 you to do is to drop off this bridge. Rejoin it
20 later. I need you to call your security contacts at
21 the station and make sure to question whether they
22 pulled out any, you know, unusual security related
23 reasons why this could be happening.

24 Do you understand?

25 MR. WHITE: Yes, Jim. I understand and

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1 I'll do that and then I'll get back on the bridge.

2 MR. WIGGINS: Okay. And I'll talk --
3 we'll talk to the guy on the line at Millstone and
4 tell him that (inaudible).

5 MR. PARTICIPANT: Hey Jim? This is Mack.
6 They should have a tampering procedure that they
7 undertake whenever they have something like this to
8 make sure that there's not a sabotage or something.

9 MR. WIGGINS: Yes. I'm assuming that,
10 Mack.

11 MR. PARTICIPANT: Okay.

12 MR. WHITE: Okay, Jim. I'm going to drop
13 off the line and go check and I'll be back.

14 MR. OLNEY: Jim?

15 MR. WIGGINS: Yes?

16 MR. OLNEY: Mike Olney here at Millstone.
17 I've got my manager of communications out at the
18 emergency operations facility who would like to
19 establish a link. I'd like to know if I can secure
20 from this and have them connect to this bridge?

21 MR. WIGGINS: Now, where is he located?

22 MR. OLNEY: He's in the emergency operating
23 facility out at the end of our access road.

24 MR. WIGGINS: And does he have access to
25 anyone that has information for this?

1 MR. OLNEY: He should have access to --

2 MR. WIGGINS: Are you staffed up out there?

3 MR. OLNEY: Yes, they are staffed up
4 because we entered the alert. And he has -- he has
5 already called me and requested to take a turnover
6 from me for this -- for the communication with the
7 NRC. And it's --

8 MR. WIGGINS: If there's an adequate staff
9 on dominions --

10 MR. KNOKE: This is the HOO. Jim Dyer's
11 coming onto your bridge.

12 MR. WIGGINS: Okay. Let me finish this
13 conversation first, please. Millstone, are you still
14 there?

15 MR. OLNEY: That's correct.

16 MR. WIGGINS: All right. If there's an
17 adequate level of staff out there, we can get the
18 information or at least raise the questions and get
19 some stuff taken care of. Then that would be fine.
20 I'll transfer it out there.

21 MR. OLNEY: Okay.

22 MR. WIGGINS: I'll give you one thing that
23 you can work on while you're turning over. And, you
24 know, you can take this question and then get back to
25 us when you transfer it over to the Director of

1 Communication.

2 MR. OLNEY: All right. That's fine.

3 MR. WIGGINS: Here is the question. You
4 may have heard it if you were listening in. Given
5 that, I presume you haven't completely nailed down the
6 cause of this, have you ruled out anything like
7 tampering or any security related activity that may
8 have been the causal factor for this thing?

9 MR. OLNEY: Have we ruled out any other
10 suspicious activity?

11 MR. WIGGINS: Yes. Have you ruled that
12 out?

13 MR. OLNEY: I have not received any word
14 that we have ruled this out and I will -- I can pass
15 that question on.

16 MR. WIGGINS: Yes. Pass it on and then
17 have the person get back to us.

18 MR. HOLIAN: Hey, Jim Wiggins? This is
19 Brian Holian in Licensee. Licensee, while you're
20 turning over, is there another person in the control
21 room, if you're in the control room, that can stay on
22 this line?

23 MR. GOBELI: Yes. Hang on. I'll see if
24 the -- I'll go see if the shift Technical Advisor can
25 stay on the line.

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1 MR. WIGGINS: Well, hold on. He needs --
2 if there's work that needs to be done to take care of
3 the plant, that's first priority. This is Wiggins.
4 And if the control room people need to do that, that's
5 the first priority. Just don't leave us alone for
6 that long. You know, if you're going to do this
7 turnover, do it quickly.

8 Brian, we shouldn't tie people up that are
9 in the crew.

10 MR. HOLIAN: That's okay. I understand.
11 I asked if he could.

12 MR. WIGGINS: It looks like it isn't moving
13 any where right now and presumably they'd jump back on
14 the line if something did happen.

15 MR. SADDLER: Hello, this is Richard
16 Saddler (phonetic) from Millstone 3.

17 MR. WIGGINS: Yes, Richard?

18 MR. SADDLER: I'm taking over while the
19 gentleman you were talking to is turning over to our
20 EOF.

21 MR. WIGGINS: Okay. And what's your
22 position, Richard?

23 MR. SADDLER: I'm the emergency
24 communicator at this time.

25 MR. WIGGINS: Yes. What are you -- what

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1 was your position before you assumed this job?

2 MR. SADDLER: I'm the unit supervisor for
3 Unit 3.

4 MR. WIGGINS: Okay. And you're sure that
5 you have the time and the opportunity to deal with us
6 on this line. Because you'll probably doing a lot of
7 listening and not a lot of talking for a while. Do
8 you have anything you need to do more?

9 MR. SADDLER: No. And I have nothing at
10 this time. I have just sent out my update message.
11 And, as soon as he turns over, he should be picking up
12 with the other group or we'll find someone else to
13 come back over the phone so I can turn over. So I'm
14 all set for right now.

15 MR. WIGGINS: Okay. Great. Well, this is--
16 here's the -- here's the expectation. If you do need
17 to pull away, let us know you're doing it and then go
18 take care of the plant. Okay?

19 MR. SADDLER: I understand the expectation.
20 If I need to pull away, tell you, and then I will come
21 back when I can. And what is your name, sir?

22 MR. WIGGINS: Jim Wiggins. I'm the Deputy
23 Regional Administrator.

24 MR. SADDLER: Jim Wiggins?

25 MR. WIGGINS: Yes.

1 MR. SADDLER: Okay. Thank you, sir.

2 MR. WIGGINS: Yes.

3 MR. PARTICIPANT: Hey Jim, this is the unit
4 supervisor.

5 MR. COLLINS: I would not hold up the
6 Headquarters Duty Office for too long from making
7 those external notifications down to DHS.

8 I think we can make the initial
9 notifications if we don't get feedback in the short
10 run. And indicate that, at this time, there's not
11 indication of any unusual activity or tampering. But
12 the licensee is in the verification process. And then
13 we can update them later.

14 That would be better form than waiting too
15 much longer, perhaps, to let them know of the events
16 going on. Because it will circle back through.

17 MR. WIGGINS: Yes.

18 MR. PARTICIPANT: And we should be the
19 first time -- we should be the first notification of
20 the event.

21 MR. WIGGINS: It'll circle through the
22 state, because the state is in alert and is probably
23 staffing up at this point. Okay. All right. So, is
24 the Ops Officer on -- the Headquarters Ops Officer?

25 MR. KNOKE: Yes, I'm here.

1 MR. WIGGINS: All right. This is Jim
2 Wiggins. Are you prepared to make those other
3 external contacts, given the information you have now?

4 MR. KNOKE: Yes, we are.

5 MR. WIGGINS: Okay. Is NSIR a part of that?

6 MR. COLLINS: Would you notify NSIR
7 management at the same time?

8 MR. KNOKE: Yes. John Knoke to McGinty.
9 Could you do a recap for all of us. What notifications
10 you're going to make in accordance with your procedure,
11 please.

12 MR. MCGINTY: Sure. We will be notifying
13 the IRD manager, which is Insure. And we will be
14 notifying the ET member, which is -- they're up there
15 already. We will be notifying the DHS, the NRC, FEMA,
16 DOE, EPA, USDA, HHS, DOT, and FBI, if it's a security
17 event.

18 I understand that has not been determined
19 yet.

20 MR. WIGGINS: Well it's -- there's no
21 indication that it is. That's a different -- that's a
22 different message. But that's -- that's being
23 confirmed.

24 MR. MCGINTY: Okay.

25 MR. HOLIAN: Jim Wiggins, It's Brian Holian,

1 can we get the unit supervisor to give us a summary of
2 plant conditions and equipment running?

3 MR. WIGGINS: Yes. Hold on Brian. Let's
4 take care of this (inaudible) piece first.

5 MR. MCGINTY: Yes, Jim?

6 MR. WIGGINS: I have a suggestion and a
7 question for the external notifications then. We
8 should -- we should agree on the -- on the description
9 of the event. And perhaps the licensee needs to
10 clarify that for us.

11 But we -- if we are going to -- if we agree
12 that the plant was in the condition and they properly
13 declared an alert, they are still in the alert,
14 although the plant condition has been remedied. That's
15 a different message than we're in an ongoing alert.

16 So I think we -- it would be best for us,
17 when we make those notifications, to be sure that we're
18 -- we're comfortable with the description.

19 MR. WIGGINS: Yes. I guess the licensee is
20 still on the line, so we should ask -- we could ask the
21 licensee what the basis for the alert out of their
22 emergency action level scheme is.

23 But, you know, I think your first sentence,
24 Sam, was right. We shouldn't be holding off on these
25 other calls too long. Let's get that piece, and then

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1 we can release the Ops Officer to -- to brief the
2 outside if you agree.

3 MR. COLLINS: Yes. I understand. All
4 right. Go ahead.

5 MR. WIGGINS: Millstone?

6 MR. HAMMERS: Yes. This is Richard Hammers
7 (phonetic) at Millstone 3.

8 MR. WIGGINS: Yes. Can you -- can you give
9 us the basis for the alert out of your emergency action
10 level procedure?

11 MR. HAMMERS: Yes.

12 MR. WIGGINS: What was it declared on?

13 MR. HAMMERS: Yes. Well, we declared the
14 alert based upon stuck open safety valves below the set
15 point, sir. So we called it an un-isolable steam line
16 break outside containment.

17 MR. WIGGINS: Okay. And do you have the new
18 mark EALs -- the barrier EALs?

19 MR. HAMMERS: Right now, the shift managers
20 have taken them. So I don't have one right -- oops,
21 one second, sir. I've got another set right here.

22 MR. WIGGINS: Yes. That's what you're
23 using. You're using the barrier EALs.

24 MR. HAMMER: Yes, sir. That's the -- the
25 major classification was for the barrier.

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1 MR. WIGGINS: Okay.

2 MR. HAMMER: And then we went to (inaudible)
3 went to BA2 for us for minor EAL, which was a steam
4 line break.

5 MR. WIGGINS: Okay. Thank you. And you're
6 convinced that that's not -- there is no real steam
7 line break? It was actually valves opening up?

8 MR. HAMMER: Yes, sir. There was a -- all
9 the indications were out the roof where the steam line
10 valves are at.

11 MR. WIGGINS: Okay. All right. Ops
12 Officer, do you have enough information to make the
13 notifications?

14 MR. KNOKE: Yes, I do.

15 MR. WIGGINS: Okay. And what are you
16 telling them when you make them?

17 MR. KNOKE: I'm saying that we had an
18 unisolable main steam line break. It was five open
19 SRVs that are now all re-closed.

20 MR. WIGGINS: Boy, I don't know if I would
21 say it that way. I'd say that we had an alert declared
22 as a result of open safety release valves. Just leave
23 it at that.

24 MR. KNOKE: Okay.

25 MR. WIGGINS: If you start talking about

1 main steam line break, it makes the event look bigger
2 that it currently is known to be.

3 MR. KNOKE: Okay.

4 MR. WIGGINS: Mr. McGinty, you chime in if
5 you think that I'm leading him in the wrong direction.

6 MR. MCGINTY: Right.

7 MR. WIGGINS: But I think the news for the
8 outside people is an alert's been declared. It was
9 declared as a result of these valves opening
10 unexpectedly. They subsequently closed. The plant
11 shut -- you know, the plant tripped and automatically
12 shut down. And conditions right now are normal after
13 a shutdown.

14 MR. MCGINTY: And the licensee is --

15 MR. WIGGINS: Millstone, would you agree
16 with that characterization?

17 MR. HAMMER: Right now, sir, I'm still
18 trying to get a handle on what we're at right now. We
19 did have a safety injection that was brought upon
20 because of these safety valves that were open.

21 MR. WIGGINS: Yes.

22 MR. HAMMER: And so we have had to recover
23 from that. But right now we have charging let down in
24 service. Right now we're actually doing a brief of the
25 control room crew that's going through everything. But

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1 it looks like everything's steadying out to a normal,
2 you know, after trip with the, you know, the added in
3 of having to recover from the safety injection.

4 MR. WIGGINS: Recover from the safety
5 injection. Okay. Operations Officer, are you ready to
6 go then?

7 MR. MATTHEWS: No. I don't think so. Jim
8 Wiggins?

9 MR. WIGGINS: Yes.

10 MR. MATTHEWS: I believe Sam made a
11 suggestion that we ought to take up. This is Dave
12 Matthews. The statement to these all of these external
13 agencies, if it's not just DHS, if it goes to anywhere
14 else, ought to include a statement to the effect that
15 there's no -- been no determination made that this
16 would have any relationship to an off normal security
17 related event. However, with that still being
18 evaluated.

19 MR. WIGGINS: Yes. That's -- I agree with
20 you Dave. That's a good message to send.

21 All right, Ops Officer, what are you going
22 to say now? Tell us what your message would be.

23 MR. KNOKE: Okay. The message will be that
24 we had an alert declared. The valves -- the safety
25 relief valves opened unexpectedly. They are now re-

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1 closed. The plant tripped on a low pressure trip. The
2 plant is now in a recovery from safety injection and
3 there has been no security indication due to this
4 mishap.

5 MR. WIGGINS: Yes, that's good.

6 MR. HOLIAN: Jim Wiggins? Brian Holian.
7 And I would add in the safety relief valves in the
8 secondary system.

9 MR. KNOKE: Okay.

10 MR. WIGGINS: Okay. Okay then. Then -- all
11 right. That sounds good. But we'll -- just add to the
12 security piece that -- that, you know, we're verifying
13 that now. You know, the licensee is in the process of
14 making that verification. Okay?

15 MR. KNOKE: I understand. No initial signs,
16 but they're -- they're in the process of making
17 verification in that regard.

18 MR. WIGGINS: Since we don't know the root
19 cause of this event in the first place.

20 MR. WIGGINS: You've got it. All right.
21 Good.

22 MR. HOLIAN: Okay, Jim?

23 MR. WIGGINS: Yes?

24 MR. HOLIAN: Jim, perhaps if -- if you, as
25 of right now, as the lead caller as a Region, could get

1 in touch with a senior person in the licensee's EOF and
2 understand what their approach is to confirm that they
3 no longer meet the conditions for the alert. I
4 believe, right now, with the safety focus, that the
5 plant is stable. And there's no immediate need to
6 react to or be focused on the conditions in the plant.

7 So perhaps if Brian can focus on that, you
8 and I and the rest -- some of the team can focus on
9 with the licensee on the clarification of the event and
10 are they in a condition to undeclare the alert.

11 And, if that's the case, then we can work
12 with them on that. And then we're into the rollout of
13 the notifications and updating people on the status.
14 And then it becomes a technical follow-up event.

15 MR. WIGGINS: Yes.

16 MR. HOLIAN: I don't want to move it along
17 unnecessarily along that path. But if we can be
18 working on those three paths, then perhaps we can keep
19 this thing bounded and keep it in perspective for as
20 long as it's focus. Given that the plant conditions
21 don't degrade.

22 MR. WIGGINS: Yes. It gets a little touchy
23 doing it this way by the phone. You're really -- your
24 best way to do it would be to have a management bridge
25 and a reactor safety bridge set up. And then parse the

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1 people out appropriately.

2 But, you know, that's --

3 MR. KNOKE: Mr. Wiggins?

4 MR. WIGGINS: Yes?

5 MR. KNOKE: This is the HOO. I have Mr.
6 Merschhoff on another bridge. I will transfer you over
7 there.

8 MR. WIGGINS: All right. Do you need me to
9 say to do a count so you can identify what line I'm on?

10 MR. KNOKE: I -- I have you.

11 MR. WIGGINS: Okay. Send me over.

12 MR. COLLINS: Do you want to take a leave
13 for that brief, Jim?

14 MR. WIGGINS: Yes. I'll do the brief.
15 Brian and Sam, you've got the rest of it here.

16 MR. MATTHEWS: Do you want Mr. Dyer
17 connected? Is Jim Dyer connected to the Ellis bridge?
18 I asked him to call in.

19 MR. WIGGINS: All right, David. That's a
20 good idea.

21 MR. MATTHEWS: He was going to call. Jim,
22 are you there?

23 MR. WIGGINS: Yes. I'm still here.

24 MR. MATTHEWS: No. Jim, I'm sorry. Jim
25 Dyer? He might be waiting with Ellis. I suggested he

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1 do that.

2 MR. WIGGINS: Okay. Ops Officer, this is
3 Jim Wiggins in Region 1. Transfer me over to the
4 bridge where Ellis is.

5 MR. MATTHEWS: And what I'm suggesting, Jim
6 Wiggins, would you please get Jim Dyer on the line and
7 kill two birds with one stone. I've given him the
8 rough idea of what's going on.

9 MR. WIGGINS: So to speak.

10 MR. MATTHEWS: Pardon?

11 MR. WIGGINS: So to speak.

12 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes.

13 MR. COLLINS: Okay. This is Sam. Jim,
14 while you're on that bridge, I'll maintain continuity
15 here with Brian Holian and David.

16 MR. WIGGINS: Okay.

17 MR. MCGINTY: Sam. This is McGinty from
18 (inaudible) of Headquarters support. I'm with Dave.
19 Do you -- does the region need any Headquarters support
20 to be staffed up in the Ops Center; the project manager
21 or any technical support needed from NRR?

22 MR. COLLINS: Let me see. David, I would
23 enjoy your advice on this. But I believe, at this time,
24 as long as the plant's stable --

25 MR. MATTHEWS: Well, let's put it this way,

1 Tim. From NRR's perspective, what I've heard at this
2 point would tell me there's no need to call people into
3 the Headquarters Operations Center, beyond -- beyond
4 your monitoring the activities.

5 MR. COLLINS: I agree.

6 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. And Jim Dyer, you can
7 confirm that with him at a -- in a later discussion.
8 But I indicated that -- to him, that I -- he -- he
9 ought to just get in touch with -- with the
10 Headquarters Operations Officer and hear Jim Wiggins'
11 briefing to Ellis Merchamp. And, if they decide
12 differently, of course, we'll go their direction.

13 But right now I suggest there's no need to
14 do anything other than the monitoring you're doing,
15 from the IRD standpoint.

16 MR. MCGINTY: Okay. And then there will
17 come a point in time when we've got some folks in and
18 we've had a chance to -- to get well briefed on our
19 initial notification, that we'll want to consider a
20 Commissioner's assistance Brief.

21 MR. MATTHEWS: Right. And the other thing
22 is, you can revisit the decision we just made with
23 regard to whether there needs to be any Headquarter
24 support.

25 MR. MCGINTY: Yes.

1 MR. MATTHEWS: And, at this point Sam, I
2 think I'm going to drop off. I think my intermediary
3 role is done here.

4 MR. COLLINS: All right, David. Do we -- do
5 we have anyone else from NRR on the line?

6 MR. MATTHEWS: No. Do you want me to stay
7 or get someone on the line?

8 MR. COLLINS: David, it might be good for
9 the project manager to come on the line so, one,
10 they're not surprised tomorrow morning.

11 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. I'll arrange that.

12 MR. COLLINS: If we do need some support,
13 then that would be the normal project lead at this
14 point, anyway.

15 MR. MATTHEWS: That's great. Then that's
16 the level we'll take it through, as opposed to through
17 the Ops Center.

18 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Do you happen to know
19 who that is?

20 MR. MATTHEWS: No. But it's easy enough to
21 find out. I'll take care of that.

22 MR. COLLINS: Okay David, thank you.

23 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. Thanks, Sam. You call
24 me back if you need me.

25 MR. COLLINS: Thanks for your support,

1 David. I appreciate it.

2 MR. MATTHEWS: You bet. But you call me
3 back if you need any help.

4 MR. WIGGINS: Sam, do we have the Unit 3
5 supervisor on the line at Millstone? Maybe he can give
6 us an update?

7 MR. TYLER: I'm not the unit -- I've got the
8 unit supervisor here, Rich Tyler.

9 MR. WIGGINS: Yes, Rich, can you go over --
10 are you in a normal electrical line-up now and do you
11 have all the safety equipment available?

12 MR. TYLER: We are in a normal electrical
13 line-up and we have all the safety equipment available
14 except for turbine driven auxiliary feedwater pump,
15 which was down near the -- trip valve was tripped and
16 we haven't reset the trip valve yet.

17 MR. KNOKE: Did the turbine driven auxiliary
18 feed pump respond? Did aux feed come on?

19 MR. TYLER: Well, aux feed did come on with
20 the motor driven auxiliary feedwater pump.

21 MR. KNOKE: Okay. And the turbine driven
22 just did not respond? Is that the case?

23 MR. TYLER: Well it looks like -- I mean,
24 the first call would be when they're trying to respond,
25 the trip valve turbine tripped open on it. If there is

1 one valve in the steam line for the turbine driven
2 auxiliary feedwater pump, that tripped off on us. So
3 we haven't reset it yet.

4 MR. KNOKE: You have not reset that, but you
5 didn't need it because both motor driven came on?

6 MR. TYLER: Yes. That is an accurate
7 statement, sir.

8 MR. KNOKE: Okay. Did all the diesels
9 respond?

10 MR. TYLER: Sir, hold on. All the diesels
11 responded, right? Did we have any diesel problems?
12 They said diesels started, no problem. Shut down on
13 stand-by. Okay. Both diesels did start. There was no
14 problems and they have since been shut down.

15 MR. WIGGINS: Okay. Are the MSIVs open or
16 closed?

17 MR. TYLER: MSIVs are closed at this time,
18 sir.

19 MR. KNOKE: Did they close before the event?

20 MR. TYLER: I do not know that, sir. If you
21 want to wait a second, I can find out.

22 MR. COLLINS: Jim, are you still on the
23 phone?

24 MR. WIGGINS: Yes.

25 MR. COLLINS: Okay, good. You have not left

1 to go in yet, right?

2 MR. WIGGINS: No.

3 MR. COLLINS: Okay. I will -- we'll work at
4 getting somebody maybe a little closer than you in a
5 minute here.

6 MR. WIGGINS: Okay. We still don't really
7 know what initiated this thing.

8 MR. COLLINS: No. I'll ask Nick for
9 (inaudible) going on.

10 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Brian, it sounds to me
11 like we're going to need to go into our incident
12 response procedure.

13 MR. LANNING: Brian, it's Wayne Lanning.
14 I'm in the IRC and we're beginning to get set up here.

15 MR. HOLIAN: Hey Wayne, while you're there,
16 I don't have a Branch Chief coming in yet and maybe an
17 SRA, Schmidt or Bill Cook (phonetic), if you could try
18 and reach them.

19 MR. LANNING: Yes, I tried Bywater already.
20 But, all right, we will.

21 MR. HOLLINGS: Thank you.

22 MR. LANNING: Tad Marsh (phonetic), are you
23 on the line?

24 MR. TYLER: The person who asked about the
25 MSIVs? Yes sir, the MSIVs went closed with the event.

1 MR. COLLINS: Brian, it sounded like --
2 although, certainly they can recap, but it sounded to
3 me like they had an SRV discharge, and then the MSIVs
4 closed. And then when they closed, they had more open.
5 But --

6 MR. TYLER: To my knowledge, sir,
7 (inaudible).

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