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Subject: Salem voice mail
Place: R1Allegation

Our secretary received a voice mail this last weekend from an NPS contract person stating that he had been laid off on Saturday, 4/24 and that he would like to speak to an NRC "agent." I attempted to reach the individual with the cell phone number he had left, but only reached his voice mail. He returned my call and left me a voice mail today on 4/29. The gist of his message was that he had since gotten a hold of PSEG's ECP manager, Tom Lake, and had left his concerns with him. In his voice mail, the CI suggested that I get a hold of Tom, "I would appreciate it and find out what's what." He added that Tom had more than enough details to follow through on the issues.

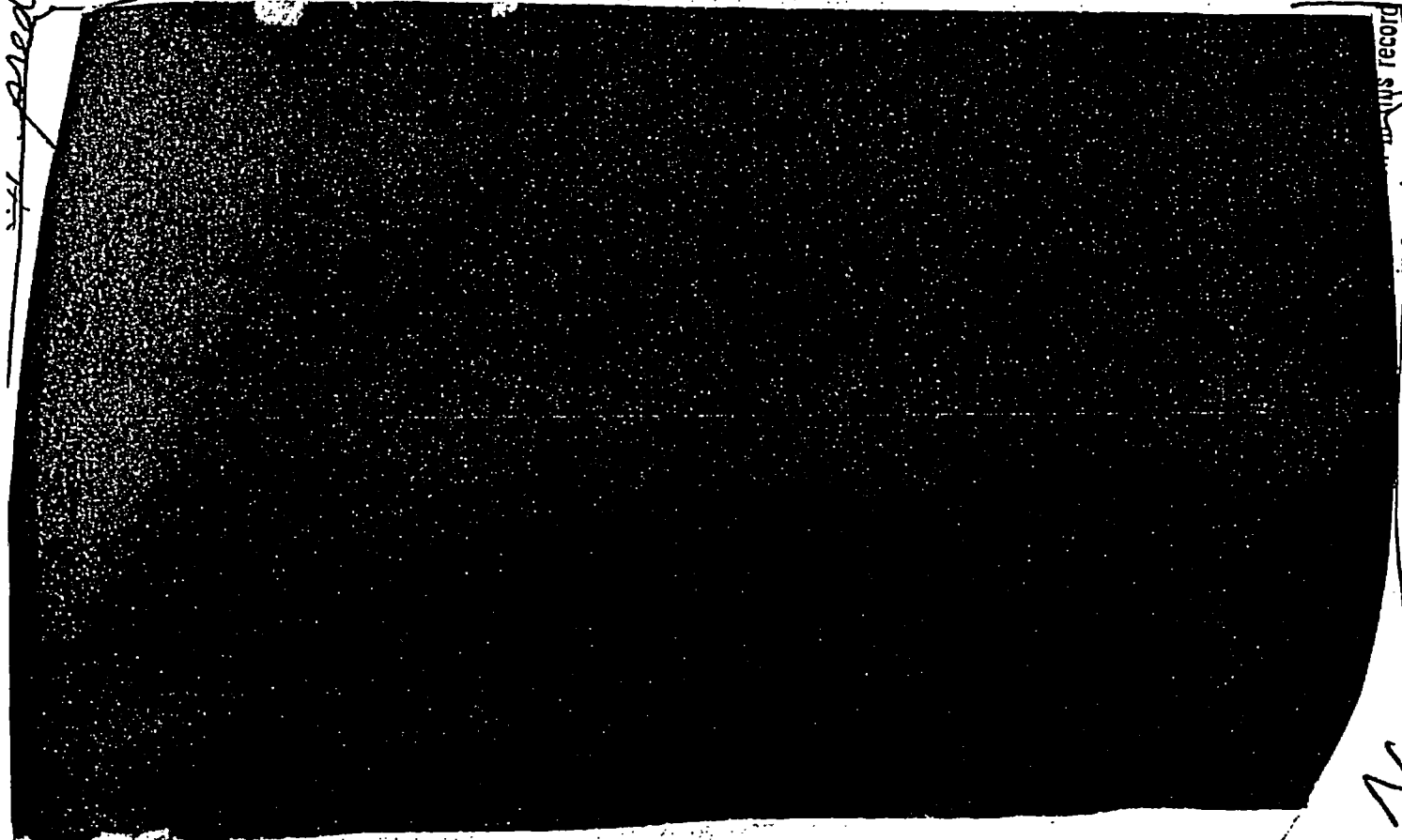
I spoke with Tom Lake this afternoon to get a sense of the issues. I will meet with Tom tomorrow morning to review his notes. The issue started according to the concerned individual with a disagreement over respiratory protection for [redacted]. The CI is a [redacted]. He believed that on some occasions proper respiratory equipment was not being assigned. At one point he addressed the issue with his NPS supervisor and it escalated to the point where the CI told his supervisor to "Shut the f up and listen to me." Not long after that incident the CI was laid off. According to the CI it was labeled as a RIF and included 7 or 8 [redacted]. He believed he was being retaliated against for his respiratory concerns.

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The CI also provided some concerns to Tom Lake based on events that he had seen during the outage and an issue going back to Hope Creek construction. PSEG is pursuing all technical issues with outage management and with ISI on the Hope Creek issue. The salem issues mentioned included some sandblast sand that had fallen on some pumps. The Hope Creek issue had to do with some labeling inside the torus that may have interfered with proper preparation for the inside coating or paint.

Tom Lake has advised the site [redacted] lead and the home office project manager that they need to investigate a retaliation case. Tom intends to review their investigation.

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