

From: Rick Ennis *RR*
To: Neil Sheehan *NI*
Date: 4/27/04 3:32PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: questions regarding Vermont Yankee

Neil,

For Question 3, the meeting between the ACRS and the NRC staff to discuss the draft Safety Evaluation will be held at NRC Headquarters. I believe these meetings are all held in the Two White Flint hearing room, but I don't think you need to provide that level of detail.

For Question 5, the concern I believe she is referring to is the Ray Shadis letter dated 3/24 (ML040860160) which is publicly available. The issues he raises are bigger than just the "independence" of our review. He says that we are trying to infer that because the new Review Standard was informed by the Maine Yankee experience we are saying it is essentially equivalent to the assessment capability of an ISA. Please verify with Allen that we did not actually refer this to the OIG since the letter was Green Ticketed and the OIG (HBel) was on distribution.

Rick

>>> Neil Sheehan 04/27/04 02:08PM >>>
Cliff/Rick,

RI

I need your help responding to these questions from Carolyn Lorie of the Brattleboro Reformer this afternoon.

I can answer Question 1.

Cliff, can you help with Question 2?

Rick, can you help with Question 3?

On Question 4, I would answer that we have one specialist inspector at the plant now and will supplement that special inspection as needed. I would also point out that the Resident Inspectors are assisting with the effort. I would say that Todd Jackson is ensuring that Entergy is being as thorough as possible in trying to determine the whereabouts of the missing fuel segments. I would say there is no firm estimate at this point as to how long any NRC specialist inspectors might be at the site.

With regard to Question 5, I would say that there has been a concern forwarded to the IG regarding NRC statements on the "independence" of the agency's review of the VY power uprate. However, any questions regarding that should be posed to the IG.

Please help with those I've asked for assistance on and let me know if you think my other answers are okay.

Thanks,
Neil

CC: Allen Howe; Cliff Anderson; Donna Skay

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