

From: Elizabeth Hayden / PA  
To: Neil Sheehan; Scott Burnell  
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Subject: Re: VY update

[ I agree with Neil about a press release. ]

>>> Neil Sheehan 07/14/04 03:12PM >>>

I'm not sure what we'd say in a press release about the missing fuel at this point that hasn't already been said. We could issue one after we've confirmed that the pieces found yesterday are definitely the ones in question, but that's probably worthy of further discussion.

On the engineering inspection, it might make more sense to issue a release announcing that the review has either about to begin or has just gotten under way. All the nitty-gritty details could be in there. Lastly, the last time I ran into Paul Blanche (at a Salem/Hope Creek meeting), he told me he was no longer doing any more consulting work for Entergy at Indian Point. "Do you think I'd be making some of the comments I'm making about Vermont Yankee if I ever thought I'd be working for Entergy again?" he said. Perhaps the situation has changed since then. But somehow I don't think he's on Entergy preferred consultants list these days.

>>> Scott Burnell 07/14/04 02:57PM >>>

All;

Sat in on the VY Comm Team meeting this afternoon. Some highlights:

Dave Helton (sp?) said the visual information Entergy provided from the canister is pretty conclusive on identifying the fuel rod pieces- the length is right, etc.

There's been discussion about our putting out a press release related to the discovery, along the lines of acknowledging the information the licensee has provided, and the NRC's ongoing special inspection, etc. This would be a R I action, so I said I'd pass the info along to Diane and Neil. Consider the info passed. :-)

Separately, there's discussion about a press release once the engineering inspection team is finalized, giving the general schedule for the inspection and the bare-bones bona fides for the team members, demonstrating their independence, etc. That's a HQ activity, and I'll be pursuing that unless told to drop it.

Rosetta V. said STP has already informed the New England States, S.C. and Washington state about the VY discovery.

Another interesting nugget... Entergy has apparently told NRR that Paul Blanch is on the Entergy dime down at IP as a consultant. It'd be kinda hard for him to be an independant observer at VY, no? :-)

That is all.

Scott

CC: Diane Screnci; Eliot Brenner

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