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Partial Transcript of Conversation with [REDACTED]
PSEG Nuclear
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[Note: This tape is very faint and will need audio enhancement expertise to be useable beyond this initial evaluation. I have only been able to capture about 10% of the conversation. Some salient points are nevertheless audible and reflected in the transcript below. This is the dialogue, with a highly credible and high ranking Nuclear leader, that prompted me to bring up nuclear safety concerns to [REDACTED] later in the day when I met with him].

Harvin: What did you mean yesterday when you said this place is 'dangerous'? Is it the decision-making...like muddled? Is it...it is just kind of....

[REDACTED] Yes, I meant it from a nuclear safety standpoint. [inaudible] We came this close, when I say dangerous, we almost talked ourselves on Monday of just starting right back up and not going into the by-pass valve.

Harvin: We really came that close?

[REDACTED] I don't know what reality is and it's not worth talking about with [REDACTED]

Harvin: Right.

[REDACTED] All I know is that for four to six hours he had [REDACTED] since his boss was away at a [REDACTED] over a barrel talking about this thing and, and there was pressure that they, that senior leadership was considering from up North to go back up without the valve working (inaudible).

If we had done that (inaudible), that would be grounds for taking the keys away.

Harvin: Wow.

[REDACTED] That would be grounds for "You guys aren't safe." Just the fact that we were entertaining the conversation, and senior management here, makes me wonder.

Harvin: How'd you stop it from happening?

[REDACTED] I didn't. I didn't. (inaudible)

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Harvin: He did, good. I mean, obviously.

[REDACTED] After four to six hours, but, this is my perspective, I'm not going to share it with anybody,

Harvin: Right.

[REDACTED] I'm not going to share it with [REDACTED]

(long section inaudible)

The fact that we were even there....(inaudible) means (inaudible)
We don't come from safety.

(long section inaudible)

[REDACTED] They don't trust any of us...

Harvin: The guys who really know.

[REDACTED] Yep, it's ludicrous.

(long section inaudible)

The people who want to be part of the solution get marginalized.

[end of audible sections]