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To: Carl Mohrwinkel; David Vito  
Date: 10/1/03 1:21PM  
Subject: Re: Solicitation of Ideas for Doing an SCWE Assessment

I have lots of thoughts - I'll call you after my 1:30 Davis-besse meeting  
LLJ

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>>> James Heller 10/01/03 12:31PM >>>  
Dave

Davis Besse was easy. The plant is shutdown and the subject of an 0350 panel. A line item of the 0350 process prompted an evaluation of the SCWE.. The licensee basically acknowledged (and the NRC agreed) that the SCWE was broken. The licensee has embarked on a program to fix the SCWE. How long it will take to fix the SCWE or when it will be fixed is the big question..

In my opinion, SCWE is a soft issue (not a technical issue) that very few NRC employees have the training, skill, understanding, or knowledge to evaluate. Basically, if the concerned individual has provided examples that demonstrate a SCWE, I believe the best course of action is a referral to the licensee. The referral letter will ensure the issue is reviewed now and the licensee's evaluation will be a very important data point for the inspectors who are assigned to evaluation/close the concern.

Jim

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>>> David Vito 10/01/03 10:13AM >>>

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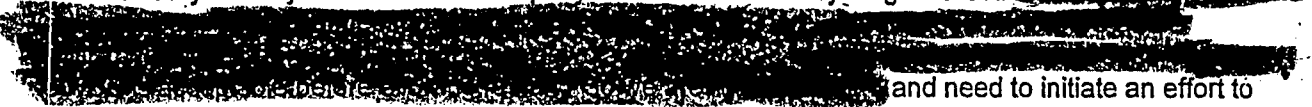
Lisa,

I just tried to call you but you weren't in. Then I realised I probably should be asking for input from all the Regions.

This is in regard to the Salem/Hope Creek SCWE allegation we spoke about a couple of weeks ago. We just completing the receipt of information from the allegor (so far, he/she has given us a couple of feet worth of documentation he/she feels will provide us with some insight into the state of the SCWE at Salem/HC). We have already held an interview with him/her at the Region I office in an effort to obtain additional detail.

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We are at the point now where we need to decide how to accomplish an NRC assessment of SCWE. The allegor has emphatically indicated that a simple referral of the matter to the licensee would be worthless because they would just feed us the company line and tell us everything was OK.



and need to initiate an effort to determine whether his/her assertions about significant problems in SCWE can be corroborated. My recollection of what was done here related to Millstone is only of groups of NRC Region I inspection personnel that were sent to ask selected personnel about their willingness to raise safety concerns, and presentations provided to us by Millstone management after we had made requests of them to provide us with a status of the work environment at the site. I know that since Millstone, there have been several similar situations at other plants across the country (Watts Bar, South Texas, Zion, Davis-Besse). I would like to obtain some feedback from you and the other OACs as to how the NRC approached assessment of SCWE in those cases (e.g., inspections, solicitation of contract help, etc.?)

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FYI, the allegor recently (Monday) filed a civil discrimination suit against the company. Many of the assertions regarding SCWE are referred to in the suit. As such, there is a likelihood that these assertions will shortly become a public issue. It is our desire to get some positive movement in our SCWE assessment effort before that happens.

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