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Tom Gurdziel

January 4, 2007

Mr. Samuel Collins, Regional Administrator
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Dear Mr. Samuel Collins:

I think that I have seen an improper NRC inspection practice. I do not know who was responsible for managing this inspection, however, since it was done in your region, I am writing to you.

In this case, an inspection was done and a report written. Those activities that were successful, received a favorable description. An activity that was not successful, (since the expected actions had not even been taken), did NOT receive a failure grade. All that happened was to make a statement that that inspection could not be done presently.

To me, this seems to display a success-oriented inspection philosophy. In other words, you report all successes that you see. No failures are reported: you just wait until you see success.

Here is what I think should occur. When you (the NRC) see success, report it. Everything else is a failure. I do not see why non-performed activities should get the benefit of unlimited time.

The reference is ML063550240. On the second page, you will read: "Therefore, the team was unable to review or evaluate your actions.."

Summary: if successful actions are not reviewable, failure has occurred.

Thank you,

Tom Gurdziel

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