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To: Jeff Gelles
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Subject: RE: Inattentive nuclear plant personnel

Here's that press release.

>>> "Gelles, Jeff" <jgelles@phillynews.com> 09/18/2007 3:00 PM >>>
Thanks. I'm still scouting around for that Exelon statement/news release about the Peach Bottom incident. If you could e-mail me that, too, I'd appreciate it.

If you'd like (or perhaps even if you wouldn't), I may want to call you when I figure out how I've dealt with the information you've provided on background, just to make sure it's accurate and not problematic for you.

I appreciate your help.

Best,

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Subject: re: Inattentive nuclear plant personnel

Jeff,

Here is the information you requested on other inattentiveness issues involving nuclear power plants.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Exelon Nuclear Initiates Internal Inquiry at Peach Bottom
Officials to investigate assertions of security officer inattentiveness

Kennett Square, Pa. (Sept. 17, 2007) – Exelon Nuclear has initiated an internal inquiry at the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station to determine the validity of an assertion that a station security officer or officers were inattentive to duties.

"We have every confidence in our highly trained, professional security force. However, we do not tolerate inappropriate behaviors on the part of our security officers or any individual with unescorted access to our plant," said Exelon Sr. Vice President, Mid-Atlantic Operations Ron DeGregorio. "We are investigating this fully, and attempting to obtain further, detailed information. If we learn that there was inappropriate behavior, we will ensure the necessary corrective actions are taken.

"We demand that all of our personnel, security forces included, perform their duties in a safe, reliable and trustworthy manner at all times. We will not accept less," DeGregorio said.

The investigation launched immediately when the station received word of the assertion. Wackenhut Corporation, an international firm that provides security services to Exelon Nuclear, is participating in the inquiry.

Exelon Nuclear has procedures and guidelines in place to prevent inattentiveness among its security forces, which protect nuclear stations 24 hours a day. Work hours are carefully monitored to prevent fatigue. In addition, officers are regularly rotated among stations and must check in with a supervisor regularly.

Exelon Nuclear's security personnel are heavily armed, highly trained paramilitary forces qualified in force protection and antiterrorism techniques. Further, Peach Bottom security, as with all U.S. nuclear plants, is based on a "defense in depth" philosophy that includes redundant and multiple layers of human, electronic and structural security.

"Our defensive strategy is not dependent on one person or one thing," DeGregorio said. "So even if we determine an issue occurred, this would have little – if any – effect on our ability to protect the health and safety of the public and defend the plant. This is our first priority."

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