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**To:** Richard Barkley  
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**Subject:** URGENT ACTION: Peach Bottom One-Pager Update

Rich,

Bill Kane tasked us to update the Peach Bottom One-Pager in support of the Chairman's request (see attached). The one-pager that was developed for last week's oversight hearing is attached. We know this issue has continued to develop over the last week, culminating in last night's public exit meeting. Therefore, we believe Region I is in the best position to quickly update the one-pager with the most current and available information.

Please update the attached one-pager and return to Lauren Quinones and myself **by noon today**. We apologize in advance for the short turnaround, but it is needed to accommodate DEDO review and transmittal to the Chairman.

Thanks in advance and don't hesitate to call with any questions.

Rob

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## **Investigation and Augmented Inspection Team at Peach Bottom Regarding Inattentive Security Officers**

### **Message:**

As noted in recent media reports, the NRC has received information regarding inattentive security officers at the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station located in Delta, Pennsylvania. Both the NRC and the facility operator, Exelon, have initiated investigations of this matter. The NRC dispatched an Augmented Inspection Team to Peach Bottom on September 21, 2007.

1. The NRC received information on September 10th indicating that security officers were inattentive while on duty at the Peach Bottom plant.
2. Due to the potential significance and potential safety implications, the NRC immediately contacted Exelon making them aware of the information so the licensee could immediately investigate and ensure appropriate actions were taken based on the conclusions of their investigation.

### **Key Points:**

- The Augmented Inspection Team is charged with thoroughly investigating the concerns raised, as well as providing increased regulatory oversight ensuring the effectiveness of physical security at the facility. The Augmented Inspection Team concluded its onsite inspection activities on September 28th and a public exit meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2007. Validation of an acceptable level of physical security was one of the key focus areas of the Augmented Inspection Team. The inspection team confirmed that these were inattentive officers, but limited to one team, the licensee took adequate initial actions to address the inattentive officers and to prevent recurrence, and physical security at the facility continued to provide assurance that the health and safety of the public remained adequately protected.

### **Possible Questions:**

1. Has the NRC determined the credibility of the video evidence that showed Peach Bottom security officers sleeping on duty?

**NRC personnel have had the opportunity to view video evidence. Determinations regarding the credibility of the evidence are part of the ongoing investigation.**

2. Has security at the Peach Bottom facility been compromised in any way?

**The licensee has determined, and the NRC agrees that there is no immediate security concern due to the licensee actions taken. However, the NRC is continuing to evaluate the potential impact of inattentive security officers, on the physical security at the facility. It is important to understand that the security of the facility does not rely on one individual or set of individuals, rather it is based on a foundation of overlapping and integrated defensive**

**strategies. The NRC staff considers the issues that have been raised as potentially significant and will continue to implement increased inspection and oversight efforts to ensure that security at Peach Bottom is robust and that this matter is fully investigated.**

3. Is the NRC concerned that the decision by Exelon to terminate the contract with the company currently providing security at Peach Bottom will adversely impact the ability of the staff to adequately protect the facility during the transition?

**A significant change in security operations such as this requires increased vigilance regardless of the circumstances. The NRC will be closely monitoring the planning and implementation of Exelon's transition to an in-house security organization. We will maintain our posture of increased oversight throughout the transition process to ensure that security at the facility is robust.**

4. I understand that the same contractor [Wackenhut] that provides security for Peach Bottom also provides security for other nuclear facilities as well. How many nuclear facilities employ this contractor to provide security services?

**Thirty (30), including Peach Bottom.**

5. Is the NRC concerned about the security at other nuclear facilities where the same contractor provides the security force?

**The NRC always probes to look for the extent of this condition at other sites. The extent of this condition will be determined as part of the ongoing investigation and inspections. Each Regional Office conducted special samples during inspections last week with the focus on this issue and no instances of inattentive security personnel were found. NRC issued an advisory to licensees on September 27 to alert them of this issue.**

6. I understand that the NRC received information alerting the agency to the fact that guards were sleeping on duty at Peach Bottom in March of this year. Why didn't the NRC investigate these concerns at that time?

**The NRC did receive that letter and we did follow up on the concerns raised in the letter by referring it to the licensee and reviewing their response. Based on the information that we obtained we were unable to substantiate the concerns at the time.**