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I was unable to access the Annual 2007 Radioactive Effluent Release Reports for Prairie Island Nuclear Reactors a timely fashion for the Public Hearing in Red Wing on July 30th, even after calling the Minnesota Department of Health, the Nuclear Management Company, and the Office of Public Assistance at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I have been told a multiple of excuses of why these "routine" documents were not posted on the ADAMS electronic website, perhaps the most disturbing is sensitivity screening or scrubbing. The VP of Plant Operations, Mike Wadley sent them to me immediately "the morning after" the Public Hearing was over. After reviewing the actual documents, I realize the "why" of their lateness and lack of availability. There was an undetected gaseous radioactive leak that went on for six months. There was an additional failure that caused a liquid release in 2007. The radioactive effluents reported in both abnormal releases to the environment were extrapolations, NMC Engineering staff calculations. In 2006 during a routine refueling cycle there were 10 abnormal releases of radioactive effluents due to breaking reactor parts. The NRC staff professed that no number scrubbing would ever be done by them, but if Utility staff has to make them up, the numbers are effectively scrubbed, and we will not know what the real releases to the public health and environment may have been.

Additionally I was assured (Nathan Goodman) that a real Environmental Justice analysis would be performed for the plant specific EIS. If this is in fact correct the point of origin of the uranium ore and its fabrication into fuel, and the ultimate disposal of all radioactive wastes generated must be included.

Furthermore we were assured/promised (Brian -- Our Regional Director) specific monitoring of

the routine radiation effluent releases would be done, including isopleths dispersion to determine where the hundreds and sometimes thousands of curies of radiation actually goes in our environment.

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