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You expressed recently a concern about the risk of losing institutional memory and experience of nuclear workers. Would it not be appropriate to begin ASAP an oral history project wherein the NRC requests older nuclear workers to volunteer to present significant historical information orally in a manner similar to that of the Department of Defence's veteran's history project? The Midway museum in San Diego has a similar project to record visually and orally the experiences of Midway ship's crew and air crews. I provided my experiences to that program and would be willing to do the same thing with my 52 years worth of nuclear experiences.

In my opinion the Department of Energy should do the same thing.

Perhaps paying a small fee to participants would help, particularly in these trying economic times.

I trust these suggestions may be helpful in providing a solution to your concern.

kindest Regards.

Al Tschaeche, CHP, emeritus fellow HPS  
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