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From: Dapas, Marc
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To: Collins, Sam
Subject: Root cause analysis regarding the CST piping leakage resulting in tritium contamination

For your awareness, Neil just provided me with copies of correspondence initiated by N.J. state legislators in the 9th district (Senator Christopher Connors, Assemblyman Brain Rumpf, and Assemblyman Daniel Van Pelt) to Chairman Jaczko, President Obama, Governor Corzine, and Mark Mauriello, Commissioner of N.J. DEP, (four separate letters), urging the NRC to make the licensee's root cause analysis publically available. Accordingly to Neil, reporters have engaged Exelon directly regarding release of the root cause analysis report and Exelon apparently had indicated it does not plan to release the subject report. Hence, reporters/external stakeholders are engaging the NRC knowing that we have access to the report as part of our ongoing inspection activities. N.J. DEP in a meeting today with Exelon reiterated their view that the report should be made public. As you know, our process is to review the report and provide our independent conclusions regarding licensee performance/veracity of the root cause analysis report, etc, in our corresponding inspection report. We would not typically include the root cause analysis as an attachment to the report. Of note, N.J. DEP staff had access to the subject report while accompanying our inspectors on site last week (the licensee finalized the report on June 19th). As I understand it from John White, no revelations in the report, i.e., the failure analysis of the pipes indicated that they corroded from the outside due to local galvanic corrosion and there were some issues with the pipe wrap.

Passing this on given your planned meeting with the Chairman tomorrow and didn't know if someone on his staff might have visibility to the letter addressed to the Chairman. If you need a copy, I can fax to DEDO secretary tomorrow morning.

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