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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Tape 1&2)

HQO: NRC Operations Center. This
(inaudible). Can I help you?

MS. ARCHER: Yes, can I please have
someone from the Region 1 public affairs department.

HQO: Sure, let me see here. May I ask,
where are you calling from, ma'am?

MS. ARCHER: It's Beth Archer from
Exelon, E-x-e-l-o-n, and my callback number is 215-
219-2300.

HQO: All right, ma'am. And is there any
information concerning --

MS. ARCHER: A TMI news release.

HQO: Okay. Let me see if I can get to
their information here. If you don't mind waiting.
Otherwise I can have them call you back. Let's see
here. All right, it looks like Diane Screnci is the
duty person for public affairs.

MS. ARCHER: Okay.

HQO: And let me see if I can -- if you
don't mind waiting I could try to put you directly in
touch with her.

MS. ARCHER: Perfect.

HQO: Hold on.

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1 (Dialing)

2 PARTICIPANT: Hello.

3 HQO: Hi, is Diane Screnci there? This is
4 NRC headquarters operations officer calling.

5 PARTICIPANT: Yeah, hold on.

6 (Pause)

7 (Tape 2_5)

8 MS. SCRENCI: Hello.

9 HQO: Hi, Diane, this is headquarters ops
10 officer. We have you down as the duty PAO for Region
11 1, is that right?

12 MS. SCRENCI: Uh-huh.

13 HQO: And I got Beth Archer from Exelon.
14 She would like to talk to you about a news release
15 from TMI.

16 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

17 HQO: Is it all right if I connect her?

18 MS. SCRENCI: Oh, sure.

19 HQO: Okay, here she is.

20 MS. SCRENCI: Thanks.

21 HQO: Beth, are you there?

22 MS. ARCHER: I'm here.

23 HQO: Okay, you are connected with Diane
24 Screnci, and I'm going to drop off the line, okay?

25 MS. ARCHER: Okay, thanks.

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MS. SCRENCI: Hi, Beth.

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(Tape 3)

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12 (End)

13 PARTICIPANT: He wouldn't tell Raymond
14 anything different he hasn't told us.

15 (Phone rings)

16 Tape 4

17 MR. MCINLEY: Ray McInley.

18 PARTICIPANT: Hey, Ray, this is
19 (inaudible) from the headquarters operations office.

20 MR. MCINLEY: How you doing?

21 PARTICIPANT: All right. My apologies
22 for the late hour.

23 MR. MCINLEY: That's all right.

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PARTICIPANT: Just to let them know, we

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1 did get a call from Exelon earlier, and they talked to
2 Diane Screnci. I don't know what was said there, but
3 they said they were going to make a media or press
4 release.

5 PARTICIPANT: Did you hear that?

6 MR. MCINLEY: Yeah, I'm hearing bits of
7 it, I'm hearing something about press release which is
8 not goods.

9 PARTICIPANT: Right, Exelon called here
10 looking for Diane Screnci, wanted to inform her of a
11 press release.

12 MR. MCINLEY: Around this issue?

13 PARTICIPANT: We don't know. We hooked
14 them up with Diane.

15 PARTICIPANT: And according to this, we
16 should put him on the bridge with the NRR EO.

17 PARTICIPANT: What we're going to do is,
18 we're going to put you up on the bridge and we are
19 going to brief NREO as well as the IRD manager.

20 MR. MCINLEY: Okay.

21 PARTICIPANT: On call, since it is an
22 immediate safety concern.

23 MR. MCINLEY: I understand you are
24 putting me up on the bridge.

25 (Call transferred - end tape)

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1 (Tape 5)

2 PARTICIPANT: First I'm calling
3 McDermott.

4 PARTICIPANT: I will call (inaudible).

5 PARTICIPANT: Ray, you are on bridge.

6 MR. McDERMOTT: Brian McDermott.

(b)(7)(A)

19 MR. McDERMOTT: Yeah, do we have the
20 Region 1 branch chief for that site as well?

21 HQO: No, we don't, but we got like I
22 said the Region 1 duty officer, according to our
23 procedure here, but we can certainly get that from
24 him.

25 MR. McDERMOTT: Yeah, I think we're going

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1 to - I'm not sure who the duty officer is, but if we
2 are going to (inaudible).

3 HQ: Okay. All right, I'm going to
4 transfer you up there, and we can ask for the branch
5 chief once you're up there, and try to get him on line
6 too.

7 MR. McDERMOTT: Okay, thanks.

8 HQ: Okay, I'm going to transfer you up.
9 Hold on.

10 (End tape.

11 (Tape 5_5)

12 MR. LEE: Samson Lee.

13 HQ: Yes, Mr. Lee, this is (inaudible).

14 I'm a headquarters operations officer. My apologies
15 for the late hour sir. (b)(7)(A)

16 (b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

17 We'd like to
18 transfer you up to the bridge and talk with our IRD
19 manager as well as the regional and duty officer.

20 MR. LEE: Okay.

21 HQ: Okay, I'll transfer you up now.

22 (End tape)

23 (Tape 6)

24 (Tape 6 audio is identical to that of Tape
25 5_5)

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1 (Tape 7)

2 MR. SNYDER: Brian, are you on the
3 bridge?

4 MR. McDERMOTT: Yes, I am.

5 MR. SNYDER: Okay, Brian, got Brian
6 McDermott here, Samson Lee and Ray McInley, Region 1
7 duty officer. And this is headquarters operations
8 officer Pete Snyder.

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5 Like I said, we haven't had any direct
6 reports from the site or Exelon here, although we did
7 get a call just a few minutes ago from a lady who said
8 she was from Exelon public affairs in their corporate
9 office, Beth Archer was her name, and she wanted to
10 talk to Diane Screnci about a press release.

11 PARTICIPANT: Okay, I'm thinking we might
12 want to bring on Ron Bellamy and Dave Kern, the senior
13 resident inspector.

14 MR. SNYDER: All right, we can try. Is
15 Ron Bellamy the branch chief then?

16 PARTICIPANT: Yes, he is.

17 MR. SNYDER: Okay, we're going to get Ron,
18 and as far as the resident goes, we can try best way
19 we got here to get hold of him. That might take a few
20 minutes for us to dig something up.

21 PARTICIPANT: If you need a number I have
22 it.

23 MR. SNYDER: Oh, yeah, sure, if you have a
24 number give it to us.

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But I was saying, well, that is not unusual.

4 If there is an ongoing operation, they've got guys
5 maybe out watching it. But go ahead and give me a
6 number then if you have it.

7 PARTICIPANT: I'll try to find it here.

8 MR. SNYDER: Okay, I'll try to look
9 concurrently. Let me know if you get something. We
10 just got hold of Ron Bellamy, we're going to transfer
11 him up.

12 (Tape 7-1)

13 MR. MCKINLEY: This is Ray McKinley.

14 MR. McDERMOTT: Okay, Ray, this is Brian
15 McDermott.

16 PARTICIPANT: (Inaudible) on the line?

17 MR. McDERMOTT: I think they did
18 (inaudible).

19 MR. SNYDER: I'm trying to look up a
20 number concurrently here.

21 PARTICIPANT: I have a number.

22 MR. SNYDER: Go ahead, I'll take it.

23 PARTICIPANT: Okay, Dave Kern, I have a
24 cell phone number, (b)(6)

25 MR. SNYDER: Okay.

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1 PARTICIPANT: And a home phone at

(b)(6)

3 MR. BELLAMY: This is Ron Bellamy. Why
4 are you calling Dave Kern?

5 PARTICIPANT: Pete wanted to go ahead and
6 try to give him a call.

7 MR. McDERMOTT: Ron, this is Brian
8 McDermott here. We've got Ray McKinley here, duty
9 officer on the line, as well as Samson Lee from NRR.
10 We've had a safety concern.

11 PARTICIPANT: Brian, let me interrupt
12 you. Dave Kern is not in town.

13 MR. McDERMOTT: Okay.

14 PARTICIPANT: If you want to get a
15 resident or a senior resident, Xavier Brandon is the
16 guy to call.

17 MR. McDERMOTT: Okay, I have that number
18 as well if you need it.

19 PARTICIPANT: Yeah, that's why I was
20 asking why you calling Dave. He's down in Florida on
21 vacation.

22 MR. SNYDER: Okay, give us Xavier's number
23 if you got it there, Ray.

24 PARTICIPANT: Okay, it's Ray, Xavier's
25 number, his cellphone, (b)(6) And home

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1 phone, (b)(6)

2 MR. SNYDER: Okay, we got it, we're going
3 to try to get hold of him.

4 Okay, Ron, if you want us to go through it
5 again, I don't know how much information you got.

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1 Xavier is coming up on the bridge, and
2 he's saying he did get a call from the plant. So
3 maybe whenever he gets up. Xavier, is that you?

4 MR. BRANDON: Yes, I'm here.

5 MR. SNYDER: All right, this is Pete
6 Snyder, I'm the headquarters ops officer. We got a
7 number of people on the bridge, including Ron Bellamy.

8 MR. BRANDON: Okay.

9 MR. SNYDER: Why don't you go ahead and -
10 we got the Region 1 duty officer, NRR EO, and we got
11 our IRD manager here. Why don't you go through what
12 you know, what the plant told you about this. We got
13 a report of this airborne release inside containment,
14 and a number of people weren't being able to frisk
15 out. Can you go ahead and tell us what you know?

16 MR. BRANDON: They called me at about,
17 let's see, first time at about 7:30 p.m. And they had
18 very little information at the time. And they said
19 that they received some alarms in the airborne alarms
20 in containment. And they just called me again about
21 two minutes ago. What they said two minutes ago was
22 that they had news media onsite, someone may have
23 called the news media, that they had processed about
24 125 people. The highest value of contamination was 16
25 millirems, one individual. Seven showed 10 millirems.

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1 And there was a process of, you know, doing an
2 investigation.

3 PARTICIPANT: Xavier, you're saying that
4 news media is on site?

5 MR. BRANDON: Right. They don't know
6 which news media is onsite, but there is news media.

7 PARTICIPANT: Okay, then the officer did
8 receive a call, Pete, can you relay that as well.

9 (Tape 7_2)

10 MR. SNYDER: Sir, I didn't hear that last
11 question, I'm sorry.

12 PARTICIPANT: You guys received a call
13 regarding, from the media, trying to get her, from
14 Exelon public affairs, trying to get hold of Diane
15 Screnci, was that correct?

16 MR. SNYDER: Yeah, we did. We got a call
17 from Beth Archer, (b)(7)(A)

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23 PARTICIPANT: Were you able to put Beth
24 Archer in touch with Diane Screnci?

25 MR. SNYDER: Oh, yes, yes, we did. And I

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1 did not listen to that call, I just conferenced,
2 joined them two together and dropped off.

3 Xavier, do we know what the source of the
4 radioactive material is?

5 MR. BRANDON: Well, the time of the first
6 call they made, there were not doing any cutting or
7 anything like that. They don't know where it's coming
8 from. As you know there had been cutting to remove
9 the (inaudible) steam generator. The cutting that
10 they have done was several hours before the alarms
11 went off. So at the time, even know, they don't know
12 for sure what the source is.

13 (Tape 7_3)

14 MR. SNYDER: I'm sorry, this headquarters
15 operations officer. Was there a question for me
16 again?

17 PARTICIPANT: I was just thinking about
18 Xavier's call.

19 MR. SNYDER: Okay, sorry.

20 PARTICIPANT: Ron, this is Ray. Do we
21 need any higher level management on the line with
22 regard to Region 1?

23 PARTICIPANT: I don't know. I just
24 actually got a call from Dave Woo on my cell phone,
25 and I just quickly got off it. But he was not aware,

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1 but it was a just call me back when you're done on
2 another issue. I haven't quite figured what he would
3 want on a Saturday night.

4 PARTICIPANT: Yeah, that's probably it.
5 You may want to think about bringing Diane Screnci on
6 the line.

7 PARTICIPANT: Yeah, I would put Diane on
8 and find out exactly what she heard from Beth, if we
9 could get Diane on the line.

10 PARTICIPANT: You might want to bring up
11 Dave, just to - what do you think, Ron?

12 PARTICIPANT: Yeah, I think that is a
13 good idea.

14 MR. BRANDON: I'm available to go onsite
15 if you want me to.

16 PARTICIPANT: Okay, well let's just hold
17 off right now, Xavier, and see what Diane knows,
18 because it sounds like she probably has the best
19 information on what's happening.

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2 PARTICIPANT: That's correct.

3 (Tape 7_4)

4 PARTICIPANT: Are you bringing up Diane
5 Screnci?

6 MR. SNYDER: Yes, we just got hold of her,
7 we should be transferring her up momentarily.

8 PARTICIPANT: And would you like to bring
9 up Dave Lu?

10 MR. SNYDER: Yeah, we may as well get him
11 on because as soon as we are done I'll have to call
12 him anyhow so he can hear it firsthand:

13 PARTICIPANT: Okay, we're on it, sir.

14 PARTICIPANT: Xavier, while they are
15 waiting to get on the line for folk that are not real
16 familiar with the evolution if there is something
17 licensee is doing to control airborne releases from
18 going outside the opening in containment that might be
19 helpful to know.

20 MR. BRANDON: They did have the
21 (inaudible) system running, but - because of the size
22 of the hole. It (inaudible) about five minutes ago
23 when they call, he said that they could see - I think
24 they have (inaudible) plastic, and I don't know
25 whether or not it covers the whole penetration. But

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1 they could see that it was blowing out, that it wasn't
2 negative in containment.

3 PARTICIPANT: Typically they have a
4 plastic drop down and attempt to maintain negative in
5 containment to the extent practical.

6 MR. BRANDON: I remember because they
7 were removing the (inaudible) generator this afternoon
8 (inaudible) the plastic down again. But they did say
9 they had drawn sample smears out of the liner of the
10 opening and there was no contamination. They have
11 done some ground samples on the outside in the
12 vicinity and there was no contamination. They are in
13 the process of doing more samples to make sure there
14 has been no release outside.

15 PARTICIPANT: Xavier, this is Ray, did
16 you get any indication of numbers of personnel that
17 may be contaminated?

18 MR. BRANDON: The process handled 125
19 total through the portable monitors.

20 PARTICIPANT: Are they clean?

21 MR. BRANDON: They know that seven were
22 not - well, seven (inaudible) 10 millirems, and one
23 (inaudible) to 16, which has been the highest.

24 PARTICIPANT: And the rest are clean?

25 MR. BRANDON: I'm not sure.

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1 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

2 MR. BRANDON: I didn't ask that
3 specifically. It sounded to me like probably 11 out
4 of the 125 were contaminated, but I'm not sure.

5 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

6 MR. BRANDON: And they do believe it's
7 internal, because the photo monitors were the ones
8 that were showing the 10 millirem or the 15 millirem.

9 PARTICIPANT: (Inaudible)

10 MR. BRANDON: Say it again?

11 PARTICIPANT: (Inaudible)

12 PARTICIPANT: Hi, Dave, this is Ron. Are
13 you aware at all of what we are talking about?

14 PARTICIPANT: I have some information at
15 this point. I know that there was an issue (audio
16 breaks up slightly) with containment evacuation
17 (inaudible).

18 PARTICIPANT: Yes. Xavier is on. Xavier
19 has received two calls from the licensee. It sounds
20 like at about 7:30 p.m. there were alarms in
21 containment and they called him back about 15 minutes
22 ago to indicate that they had frisked out 125 people
23 and of those 125 seven showed 10 millirem internal
24 contamination, lone showed 16 millirem. We also know
25 that Beth Archer, who is their public affairs officer,

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1 tried to get Diane Screnci through --

2 MS. SCRENCI: (Inaudible) She got me.

3 PARTICIPANT: Hi, Diane, through the duty
4 officer, and Diane may have more information since she
5 spoke to Beth.

6 MS. SCRENCI: They were - one of the TV
7 stations knew about it and had gone to the site and
8 they were going to talk to the TV station. They were
9 planning to put a press release out tonight. My
10 conversation with Beth was pretty quick, and I didn't
11 - I got what you said so far, Ron.

12 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Xavier, is there
13 anything else that you know about? Where is the alpha
14 steam generator as we speak?

15 PARTICIPANT: This is headquarters
16 operations officer, we just (inaudible) informed me
17 that we are starting to get federal partner interest
18 from this. DOE emergency operations center just
19 called saying that they are getting notification, they
20 are getting calls concerning the TMI - alleged TMI
21 release.

22 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

23 PARTICIPANT: Just a heads up.

24 PARTICIPANT: Okay, this is Ray McInley.
25 We probably need to bring the state liaison officer

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1 up as well, Nancy McNamara.

2 PARTICIPANT: I understand, Nancy
3 McNamara, we'll get on it.

4 PARTICIPANT: That's correct.

5 PARTICIPANT: Can we take a step back
6 here right now? And understand, there is a lot of
7 interest here, Bob. Do you have the details on what
8 transpired at TMI this evening, or do we need to get
9 the licensee on and Xavier run through it?

10 MR. BRANDON: I could run through what I
11 know but if you want more specific details you will
12 probably need to get hold of one of the licensees.

13 PARTICIPANT: I would recommend that we
14 do that. We are not dealing with a lot of information
15 here that seems to make a whole bunch of sense.

16 PARTICIPANT: Okay, this is what I know
17 at this point. What I know at this point is they were
18 doing some work on the bravo loop that caused
19 contamination airborne in the containment.

20 My understanding is as a result of the
21 airborne contamination inside containment, that at the
22 time they had over 100 people in containment, they had
23 to evacuate, they had to monitor the folks, and as you
24 indicated a number of folks did receive internal
25 contamination, but nothing significant.

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1 My understanding at this point is, I don't
2 believe that there is a hole cut in containment. It
3 was not put to me that there was actually any release
4 outside to the public. But I don't know that for
5 sure.

6 PARTICIPANT: Xavier indicated that he
7 was told that there were samples taken both at the
8 access and just outside and there was nothing
9 detected.

10 PARTICIPANT: Okay, but there was no
11 release of radioactivity to the public.

12 PARTICIPANT: Xavier, I don't want to
13 speak for you; can you confirm that's what you said?

14 MR. BRANDON: Yeah, there was no known
15 release at this point, and the samples they have done
16 showed negative.

17 PARTICIPANT: I think mainly what you are
18 dealing with here is a significant press interest, and
19 also reports going out to the external federal
20 agencies beyond NRC.

21 PARTICIPANT: Who is giving the heads up
22 (inaudible)?

23 PARTICIPANT: (Inaudible) going out to
24 DOE probably to their radiological folks with regards
25 to I guess folks who have this concern about

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1 individuals being contaminated.

2 PARTICIPANT: I think really the next
3 steps here is, we need to give whatever information we
4 have available to Diane so Diane can be in a position
5 to talk to these issues when necessary. But we need
6 to confirm the information. I understand, Xavier, are
7 you onsite?

8 MR. BRANDON: No, I'm at home, but I
9 could make it onsite in about 20 minutes.

10 PARTICIPANT: Is Dave Kern available?
11 Did they talk to Dave Kern?

12 PARTICIPANT: No, Dave is on vacation in
13 Florida.

14 PARTICIPANT: Okay, so let me talk to
15 you, Xavier. Is there anything else to add in terms
16 of what information they provided you?

17 MR. BRANDON: No, that's about it. I do
18 have some numbers of the outage control center if you
19 need to get someone on the phone.

20 PARTICIPANT: When (inaudible) out with
21 the press release?

22 MS. SCRENCI: It hasn't gone out yet. I
23 talked to Beth Archer I guess about, now it's been
24 about a half an hour ago, and they were just working
25 on the first draft. She didn't know how long it was

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1 going to take. There was already a TV station at the
2 site.

3 PARTICIPANT: Right. My understanding
4 (inaudible) reached out to the state, local,
5 officials, and also to the media, so I guess that must
6 be on the media.

7 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah, she told me that they
8 were doing outreach to stakeholders. I'm not sure
9 that they've actually reached out to the media yet. I
10 thought that was the press release that they were
11 going to put out, but they may have talked to some -
12 you know, they may have made some calls.

13 PARTICIPANT: I believe they actually
14 reached out ahead of time (inaudible).

15 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

16 PARTICIPANT: At this point there is
17 media, and the licensee should have conveyed pretty
18 much what we understand at this point. I think it
19 would be worthwhile to get additional information from
20 the licensee so we can complete the story (inaudible)
21 media at this point. I don't know that there are any
22 significant issues.

(b)(7)(A)

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25

PARTICIPANT: This is Ray.

(b)(7)(A)

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(b)(7)(A)

9 MR. McDERMOTT: This is Brian McDermott.
10 The ops officers I think took the original call, and
11 they were indicating at least based on the initial
12 information that there was a release inside
13 containment, but then that was tied to the containment
14 being open. And what we heard from Xavier is, there
15 is no negative pressure in containment.

16 MR. BRANDON: That's correct. The
17 containment (inaudible) because they have a hole to
18 take out the steam generator.

19 PARTICIPANT: This is headquarters
20 operations, this is headquarters ops. (b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

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4 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

5 PARTICIPANT: (Inaudible) the licensee
6 called me, he did not mention anything about that.

7 PARTICIPANT: Does that designation mean
8 anything, Xavier, gate 33 or post 33?

9 MR. BRANDON: No.

10 PARTICIPANT: It does not mean anything
11 to me.

12 PARTICIPANT: This is Ray. I think it's
13 a gate near the containment entrance.

14 PARTICIPANT: Okay. That means the main
15 gate right in front of it.

16 PARTICIPANT: Right. (Inaudible) Xavier,
17 is there someone on the site that you can contact to
18 give us an update on what has transpired and what they
19 know at this point as well as the next steps?

20 MR. BRANDON: Yes, if you want to hook
21 them up, the telephone number, I could give it to you
22 guys and you could bring him online.

23 PARTICIPANT: (Inaudible) would have the
24 most information?

25 MR. BRANDON: I would say it's the shift

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1 outage manager.

2 PARTICIPANT: This is Ray. I would
3 recommend asking for the shift outage director.

4 MR. BRANDON: Yes, I have, the phone
5 number is (b)(6)

6 PARTICIPANT: That would really be the
7 shift outage manager that we are looking for.

8 PARTICIPANT: Who's that on shift now,
9 Xavier, do you know?

10 MR. BRANDON: I don't know because they
11 switch them. It could be Dave (inaudible). He was in
12 the morning.

13 PARTICIPANT: Okay, I copied (b)(6)
14 (b)(6) shift outage manager, and I will put him in the
15 E&S bridge and let you know when he's up there.

16 PARTICIPANT: Thank you.

17 PARTICIPANT: Dave, Nancy Lightner is on
18 the line.

19 PARTICIPANT: Hi, Nancy, how are you.

20 PARTICIPANT: This gentleman may or may
21 not be cognizant of everything that is going on - this
22 is Ray - but he should have overall understanding of
23 the outage and what's happening. So I would say the
24 shift outage manager is probably the right guy to be
25 speaking to.

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1 PARTICIPANT: This is (inaudible)
2 basically when I called you Ron, this evening
3 (inaudible) took a call from (inaudible), she had
4 indicated, and basically information that I conveyed
5 is what I got from Bill. They do not indicate that
6 there was anything that was released outside of
7 containment. He didn't mention anything about that.
8 But he did recognize that there was a hole in
9 containment. So (inaudible).

10 PARTICIPANT: Yeah, Xavier indicated that
11 he was told that they did swipe those areas, they
12 didn't find anything, and I agree with your assessment
13 that there are no significant contaminations here. So
14 I would agree that this is just a media interest issue
15 right now.

16 PARTICIPANT: You said there are media
17 onsite?

18 MS. SCRENCI: Yes, Beth said that one of
19 the ABC affiliates from Harrisburg was there.

20 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

21 PARTICIPANT: Ron, I just - when the
22 outage director gets on the line, are you going to
23 take the lead on it?

24 PARTICIPANT: I'd be glad to, yep.

25 PARTICIPANT: And I guess the key here is

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1 just to make sure that we have the (inaudible)
2 specifics on what happened, what transpired, what are
3 some of the consequences of the event to individuals a
4 well as anything external to the containment, and what
5 the next steps are, try and wrap this issue up. And
6 he would not know the media strategy but if you have
7 that information it would be helpful as well.

8 PARTICIPANT: While we're waiting,
9 Xavier, the situation is that the alpha generator is
10 off its pedestal, is that still inside containment?

11 MR. BRANDON: When I left this afternoon
12 it was still on the (inaudible) right outside the
13 opening, but inside containment.

14 PARTICIPANT: Inside containment, okay?
15 And the bravo generator is still being cut, that has
16 not been moved?

17 MR. BRANDON: That is correct.

18 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

19 MR. BRANDON: But it is likely, and I'm
20 not sure, that would be a question for the outage
21 manager, whether or not the generator has been already
22 laid down which means it probably would be outside the
23 opening (inaudible).

24 PARTICIPANT: You're back talking about
25 the alpha generator.

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1 MR. BRANDON: Yes, the alpha generator.

2 PARTICIPANT: Okay, I was under the
3 impression that they were going to put additional
4 sealant on it before they laid it down, and it was not
5 going to be today.

6 MR. BRANDON: No, they were in the
7 process of laying it down.

8 PARTICIPANT: Yeah, we'll find it.

9 PARTICIPANT: Xavier, do you know what
10 the specific activity they were doing when the
11 airborne (inaudible) occurred (inaudible) what the
12 problem is?

13 MR. BRANDON: We did have that question
14 and they said they had not been doing any cutting on
15 the bravo unit at all. Then last time that they had
16 been cutting was several hours before the alarm, so
17 they couldn't really associate it with a specific
18 incident at the time.

19 PARTICIPANT: Okay. And do you know how
20 DOE is involved in this? I heard DOE may be asking
21 questions. (Inaudible)

22 PARTICIPANT: This is Ray. There is an
23 emergency number for call for radiological incidents
24 to DOE, so anybody can call that through their website
25 at any time, and I would imagine that that is how this

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1 occurred.

2 PARTICIPANT: Gentlemen, can I interrupt
3 you for a second. This is headquarters operations
4 officer. I have Jim Hauchman, who is the shift outage
5 manager, and he is on the transfer bridge and waiting
6 for me to connect bridges when you guys are ready.

7 PARTICIPANT: Yeah, please put him on.

8 PARTICIPANT: Okay, I'll connect him now.
9 Okay, Jim you there, right?

10 MR. HAUCHMAN: Yes, I am.

11 PARTICIPANT: Okay, what I'm going to do
12 is, I'm going to go ahead and let the Region 1
13 headquarters guys know you're there and then I'll
14 connect the two bridges, okay?

15 MR. HAUCHMAN: Okay, Howie.

16 PARTICIPANT: Thanks.

17 (Tape 7_5_16_1)

18 PARTICIPANT: Mr. Hauchman?

19 MR. HAUCHMAN: Yes.

20 PARTICIPANT: This is Howie (inaudible)
21 from headquarters operations. You are now connected
22 with just a whole host of folks from Region 1 and
23 headquarters, and let Mr. Bryan, the (inaudible)
24 response director at headquarters, do the
25 introductions if you don't mind. Bryan, have you got

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1 it?

2 PARTICIPANT: That's fine, Howie. We've
3 got Ron Bellamy (inaudible) in the region, and he is
4 going to lead this part of the discussion.

5 MR. BELLAMY: Jim, how you doing?

6 MR. HAUCHMAN: Hey, I'm okay.

7 MR. BELLAMY: Good. We've got a number
8 of people on including public affairs (inaudible) Dave
9 Lu and Xavier. And we're - we want to find out
10 exactly what's happened inside containment over the
11 last couple, three hours; what was the source of the
12 airborne contamination that we've heard about and what
13 your steps are. If you could give us all a summary
14 starting from the beginning that would be great.

15 MR. HAUCHMAN: I can give you what I know
16 at present. We are still out - we have teams out in
17 the reactor building right now performing surveys
18 before we let anyone go back in and actually to start
19 cleanup activities.

20 So a little after 1600 this afternoon we
21 had some radiation monitors, airborne radiation
22 monitors that we have in the containment there, AMS4s
23 if you know what those are, monitoring for radiation
24 levels. And they indicated an increase and hit that
25 alarm threshold. I don't have that number right at

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1 present with me, but they hit an alarm point, and we
2 evacuated containment. At that point we started
3 noticing folks coming out of containment with some
4 contamination on them, they didn't clear the portal
5 monitors. So we sent them for a whole body count. I
6 know of at least 10 right now, and we have not gone
7 through the entire population, but 10 that have
8 internal contamination, in the neighborhood of you
9 know a few millirems to 10 and 16 millirems internal
10 contamination is the highest that we have got at
11 present. But again, there are folks still in line to
12 get to the whole body counters that didn't clear the
13 portal monitors coming out of the plant. We had about
14 - and the numbers, until I get through all of these
15 I'll have the exact number - but over 100 folks that
16 were working on containment. So multiples were
17 occurring, since we were replacing our steam
18 generators, and the bravo steam generator. We are
19 doing several line cuts, and had activities in
20 progress, numerous of activities could have resulted
21 in some airborne contamination. Do not know at
22 present. Our big concern was to get everyone out,
23 understand what the radiological conditions are, and
24 what we need to do to correct that before we let folks
25 go back to work.

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1 So right now we are in that process of
2 surveying containment, to understand what the
3 conditions are, not large dose levels. It was a
4 contamination event; not a radiation you know - not a
5 significant dosage associated with this, it's more
6 airborne related.

7 We do have the construction opening, so
8 above our equipment hatch we have another hole in
9 containment for the steam generators to go in and out
10 of. Did notice a slightly airflow out of the building
11 at the time of the event. We do have our containment
12 purge system up and running. So we did surveys
13 outside the building immediately below the equipment
14 hatch as well as the hatch transfer system, which is
15 essentially above the equipment hatch supporting the
16 generators as they come out and go back in.

17 MR. BELLAMY: Right.

18 MR. HAUCHMAN: Those surveys outside the
19 building showed no contamination. Inside the building
20 we are still assessing - and I don't have direct field
21 reports at present because they are still out in the
22 field during their surveys at present.

23 MR. BELLAMY: When you say out in the
24 field you mean inside containment?

25 MR. HAUCHMAN: Inside containment. Our

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1 key teams checking contamination levels, initial
2 response in some of the first areas we went into were
3 not significantly different than what we had
4 previously. So we are still trying to understand
5 that. Nothing directly outside the building indicated
6 any material on the ground. But because we had slight
7 airflow out of the building I believe there was a
8 slight amount of airborne activity that was released.

9 But I know that based on levels that I am presently
10 knowledgeable of that those were small fractions of
11 the regulatory limits, and we are looking at every
12 ODCM number at present to make sure that we didn't get
13 close to any of those at present. But it will be
14 another hour before we know that information.

15 MR. BELLAMY: Okay, can you tell us the
16 status of the alpha steam generator?

17 MR. HAUCHMAN: The alpha steam generator
18 is on the transfer system on the inside. We were just
19 in the process of starting to lower it down to the
20 vertical position. So it's 15 degrees off the
21 horizontal right now.

22 MR. BELLAMY: Correct, and it's fully
23 inside containment?

24 MR. HAUCHMAN: That is correct.

25 MR. BELLAMY: And the bravo is still on

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1 the pedestal, you still have a couple of cuts to
2 complete?

3 MR. HAUCHMAN: That is correct. We still
4 have one, two, three, four, five it looks like, seven
5 cuts, maybe a little bit less because I don't have a
6 direct update, work is in progress.

7 MR. BELLAMY: Do you have plastic over
8 the opening?

9 MR. HAUCHMAN: Yes, we do.

10 MR. BELLAMY: Okay, and your plans to go
11 forward are?

12 MR. HAUCHMAN: Well, we're surveying the
13 top to bottom to understand exactly what happened
14 inside containment. And we got to get through all the
15 workers to understand the uptakes. But like I say, at
16 present it's a little over 10 in the most significant
17 internal contamination we've seen was 16 millirems.
18 And I have an approximate number of 175 that will be
19 monitored for activity, and again, none of those are
20 approaching any exposure limits at present. And now
21 you are getting near the end of my current knowledge
22 because that is about the current status. We are - as
23 soon as we get the rad teams in and assess what the
24 contamination levels are, we can start narrowing down
25 exactly where we think the contamination originated

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1 from.

2 MR. BELLAMY: Any other NRC people have
3 any questions for Tim?

4 PARTICIPANT: Yes, hello, this is John
5 Wade. Can you tell us about your contacts on site so
6 far, who's been notified?

7 MR. HAUCHMAN: Well, there are a lot of
8 phone calls occurring. I know that an outside news
9 organization contacted our communicator, Ralph
10 DeSantos, and he's over at our training center right
11 now, I believe it's ABC, but I can't - it's happening
12 so quickly I can't tell you which one it is. But
13 there is a news media that was alerted, and they are
14 out talking with Ralph DeSantos, our site
15 communicator, at present.

16 PARTICIPANT: And have the civilians been
17 notified?

18 MR. HAUCHMAN: No, Xavier has been
19 notified, and I know - I don't know personally, but I
20 know we had talked with releasing an EPI (phonetic),
21 and PIMA had contacted the control room, so they are
22 in communications with our control room operators.
23 And Ron Bellamy - or not Ron Bellamy - I'm losing my
24 head here - PIMA --

25 PARTICIPANT: Rich Genatti.

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1 MR. HAUCHMAN: Oh, Rich Genatti, okay.

2 PARTICIPANT: And do you know anything
3 about the isotopic mix that's been involved here from
4 your samples?

5 MR. HAUCHMAN: I don't know personally.
6 I'm sure I can get some RP techs to give me some more
7 examples when I get more details, but I don't have
8 that off the top of my head.

9 PARTICIPANT: Do you know the level of
10 (inaudible) that was measured?

11 MR. HAUCHMAN: I don't have that
12 information right in front of me but I can get that.

13 PARTICIPANT: I have no other questions,
14 Ron, thank you.

15 MR. BELLAMY: Yeah, just for everybody's
16 information, Jim used the acronym EPPI, that's
17 Exelon's Event of Potential Public Interest where they
18 reach out to most of the folks outside and let folks
19 know what's going on, and that's undoubtedly how DOE
20 heard about it.

21 PARTICIPANT: Jim, this is (inaudible).
22 I want you to know I'm a member of (inaudible). You
23 indicated a number of 175.

24 MR. HAUCHMAN: Yeah, I think there are
25 175 that will be monitored. Again, I have folks lined

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1 up in the hall here to get through the body - the
2 portal monitor, I mean the whole body counter at
3 present.

4 PARTICIPANT: Does that number include
5 people who were outside of containment near the
6 opening? Or is that people that were in the
7 containment?

8 MR. HAUCHMAN: Those are the ones that
9 were in the containment. There were five in
10 radiological control area, and they were either on
11 their way or had been working on the containment. And
12 again we have a lot of activities both for mobilizing
13 the alpha generator and for doing the cuts on the
14 bravo generator.

15 MR. BRANDON: This is Xavier again. Have
16 you tested anyone that was immediately outside the
17 opening to see if there is any level of contamination?

18 MR. HAUCHMAN: Well, again, we've
19 surveyed outside the equipment hatch and outside of
20 the hatch transfer system, and both of those surveys
21 indicated no contamination. And we are going to
22 continue tonight to expand that and look everywhere.
23 But nothing outside. I have no indications right now
24 that outside of contamination - outside of containment
25 there was any contamination.

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1 MR. BELLAMY: Yes, Jim, I think we'd
2 appreciate getting a confirmation that any of the
3 portal monitor alarms and those that are being whole
4 body counted are workers that were inside containment,
5 and nobody was outside containment that may have
6 gotten contaminated?

7 MR. HAUCHMAN: Yeah, I'll confirm and
8 follow back up with Xavier.

9 MR. BELLAMY: Thanks.

10 PARTICIPANT: Conway, are you comfortable
11 with where we are radiologically?

12 PARTICIPANT: Yes, I understand it. And
13 I would agree that given the level of containment - I
14 have heard before from talking to Tom Dockery that
15 they were looking at about 2 DAC (phonetic) being
16 measured in containment, and about point two DAC being
17 measured at the construction opening, and that would
18 indicate that there is little likelihood of any type
19 of public health and safety consequence, and little
20 likelihood of any contamination of personnel outside
21 of the building.

22 MR. BELLAMY: Agreed.

23 PARTICIPANT: (Inaudible) I just want to
24 make sure we confirm, all work has been stopped in the
25 containment?

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1 MR. HAUCHMAN: That is exactly right.
2 The only ones in containment right now are PTECHS
3 assessing the conditions.

4 PARTICIPANT: And the ventilation system,
5 have you made any changes to the ventilation system to
6 try and maintain a negative pressure?

7 MR. HAUCHMAN: Yes, we had both
8 containment purge and supply fans running, and we have
9 just a supply fan to give us the maximum draw on
10 containment, so there is very little air that is
11 leaving the construction opening.

12 PARTICIPANT: The (inaudible) that are
13 inside the containment, are they on respiratory
14 protection do you know?

15 MR. HAUCHMAN: I do not know, but hang on
16 a second? (Pause) Hang on just a second. I've got
17 the radiation tech commander that can answer that
18 question. (Pause)

19 (Tape 7_5_16_2)

20 MR. HAUCHMAN: Yes, the techs that are
21 inside containment are wearing respirators at present.

22 PARTICIPANT: Very good, thank you.

23 MR. HAUCHMAN: So we evacuated
24 containment as soon as this happened, and the only
25 ones that have gone in have been RP-trained techs with

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1 respirators.

2 PARTICIPANT: Well, what are your next
3 plans, steps?

4 MR. HAUCHMAN: Right now we are
5 determining where the original source of contamination
6 is, and we are going to, as soon as we find that out,
7 address that either with some contamination controls
8 or, once I understand if it was caused by a
9 (inaudible) that broke or if it was contamination in
10 a line that we weren't expecting, we'll take care of
11 those as soon as we find it.

12 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

13 PARTICIPANT: Is it your intention to
14 whole body count all the individuals who were in
15 containment?

16 MR. HAUCHMAN: All the individuals that
17 came out of containment that didn't pass through the
18 port-a-monitors, are getting whole body counted.

19 PARTICIPANT: So those individuals were
20 counted before they were released off site, is that
21 right?

22 MR. HAUCHMAN: Yeah, every person that
23 doesn't pass through the portal monitor - you know
24 we've got several monitors to get out of this plant,
25 if any of those alarm then they get a whole body

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1 count.

2 PARTICIPANT: Very good, thank you.

3 MR. HAUCHMAN: We have had folks that
4 came out of containment that did not alarm the whole
5 body counter as well. I don't want to make it sound
6 like everyone in there has a whole body uptick. But
7 of the 175 roughly 10 right now have signs of internal
8 contamination. That number may be a little higher
9 once we get through the whole body counting on
10 everyone.

11 PARTICIPANT: Are you aware of any
12 (inaudible) contamination, higher (inaudible)
13 contamination, than would be normal for the work
14 activity being monitored so far?

15 MR. HAUCHMAN: Well, the activities that
16 we had in progress, we didn't have levels far outside
17 what we were expecting. So we need to get in and
18 understand where this came from which right now we
19 don't know. Like I say, we had several cutting
20 activities, and EPA (inaudible) in several different
21 evolutions. So there's quite a few potential places
22 where this could have come from. But right now until
23 we get in and complete all the surveys we are not
24 going to know the origin.

25 PARTICIPANT: I understand, thank you.

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1 PARTICIPANT: Just wanted to get - did
2 you say that when the alarms were received at 1600
3 that you guys are confirming that there were actually
4 cutting activities? Because earlier we had been told
5 that the cutting activities had been several hours
6 before the alarm.

7 MR. HAUCHMAN: We had several activities
8 going on. I don't know that we can positively say
9 that they weren't doing a cut in a particular area
10 when this occurred. I know what work was going on in
11 the plant, whether it was cutting, was occurring
12 exactly when this occurred, I don't know that we can
13 say that at present. We know the work activities,
14 and we are going to go search every work area and
15 obviously follow the contamination to where it tells
16 us what the source is.

17 (Tape 8)

18 MR. BELLAMY: Hello?

19 PARTICIPANT: Yes, Mr. Bellamy?

20 MR. BELLAMY: Yes, hi.

21 HQO: Hi, this is Howard (inaudible) from
22 the headquarters operations office.

23 MR. BELLAMY: Yes.

24 HQO: There is a discussion concerning the
25 TMI and an alleged release going on at the plant

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1 (inaudible) in which (inaudible).

2 MR. BELLAMY: Okay.

3 HQO: We have (inaudible) folks up on
4 bridge (inaudible) McInley duty officer, NRR EO Samson
5 Lee, and the IRD manager on call Brian McDermott.

6 MR. BELLAMY: Okay.

7 HQO: And we're going to get your resident
8 inspector up on the line as well.

9 MR. BELLAMY: Okay, that would be Javier
10 Brand.

11 HQO: Javier Brand, we'll get hold of
12 Javier.

13 Transferring you up now, sir.

14 MR. BELLAMY: Thank you.

15 (Tape 9)

16 HQO: Yes, Javier?

17 MR. BRAND: Yes.

18 HQO: Hi, this is Howie Crouch. I'm the
19 headquarters operations (inaudible) for the U.S.
20 Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

21 MR. BRAND: Yes, how you doing?

22 HQO: Fine, how are you doing tonight,
23 Javier?

24 MR. BRAND: Good, thank you.

25 HQO: You probably don't remember Turkey

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1 Point either, do you. (Laughs) Hey, Javier, we have
2 a bridge going on right now with folks from your
3 regional office concerning an alleged ongoing
4 environmental release at TMI.

5 MR. BRAND: Yes, I just got a phone call
6 from them.

7 HQO: So listen, your branch chief and a
8 whole bunch of people up on the bridge, could I go
9 ahead and put you up on the bridge?

10 MR. BRAND: Yes, go ahead, please.

11 HQO: Javier coming up, and he said he did
12 get a call from the (inaudible).

13 (Tape 10)

14 PARTICIPANT: Hello.

15 HQO: Yes, Mr. (inaudible)?

16 PARTICIPANT: Yes.

17 HQO: Howie Crouch, I'm an headquarters
18 operations officer. Is Diane Available?

19 PARTICIPANT: She is, hold on.

20 PARTICIPANT: Hello?

21 HQO: Diane?

22 PARTICIPANT: Yes.

23 HQO: This is Howie Crouch. I'm at
24 headquarters office. My apologies for the late hour
25 once again.

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1 PARTICIPANT: It's okay.

2 HQO: But we have half your Region 1
3 management on the line.

4 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

5 HQO: And they are really concerned about
6 TMI. News media is on site. So I'm just going to
7 transfer you up to the bridge, do you mind?

8 PARTICIPANT: No, thanks.

9 (Tape 11)

10 PARTICIPANT: Hello.

11 HQO: Hello, this is NRC headquarters
12 calling. Is Mr. Lew available?

13 PARTICIPANT: He just left. If you could
14 call his cell phone number that would be better.

15 HQO: Okay, ma'am, thank you very much.

16 (Another call)

17 HQO: Hi, Dave?

18 MR. LEW: Yes.

19 HQO: Hi, this is headquarters ops officer
20 calling. Are you in a position to take a call?

21 MR. LEW: Yes, I am.

22 HQO: Okay, we'd like to transfer you up
23 to a conference bridge we've got ongoing about an
24 issue at TMI.

25 MR. LEW: Okay.

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(b)(7)(A)

HQQ:

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and we got a number of people already on the bridge including Ron Bellamy and Javier from - I guess he's currently covering the TMI site.

MR. LEW: Yes.

HQQ: And Diane Crenci is up there, apparently she received information of a press release from Exelon also, and we got Brian McDermott here, our IRD manager, and Samson Lee, the NRR EO, all on this conference. I was going to transfer you up there so you could join them, okay, because Ron asked me to call you anyway here. Is that okay, sir?

MR. LEW: Yes.

HQQ: All right, I'm going to transfer you up.

(Tape 12)

DOE HQO: NRC operations, Coeur d'Alene, how may I help you?

PARTICIPANT: How you doing, sir, this is Anthony calling you here from DOE headquarters emergency operations center.

DOE HQO: Hi Anthony.

PARTICIPANT: Got a quick question for you. We've got a couple of telephone calls in reference to receiving a report about a leak of

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1 contaminating markers at Three Mile Island, and I'm
2 just calling to see if you've got anything on that?

3 DOE HQO: Well, sure, what we have right
4 now is a - we have confirmed that there are
5 contaminated people at TMI, but they are in the middle
6 of their investigation, and we're actually in the
7 middle of a conference call with our leadership in
8 that region trying to figure out what the details are,
9 so I really don't have details right now, but I can
10 confirm that not only did we have probably the same
11 call that you had, (b)(7)(A) that there was a
12 release ongoing. The licensee has not reported to us,
13 but they have reported to the resident inspector that
14 there are some contaminated personnel.

15 PARTICIPANT: Okay, so I imagine if you
16 guys find anything positive about this you'll give us
17 a call?

18 DOE HQO: Oh, absolutely.

19 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

20 DOE HQO: Okay?

21 PARTICIPANT: Okay, thanks a lot, what's
22 your name again, sir?

23 DOE HQO: Howie Crouch, C-r-o-u-c-h.

24 PARTICIPANT: Okay, thanks Howie.

25 DOE HQO: Hey, thank you. Bye.

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1 (Tape 13)

2 MS. McNAMARA: Hello?

3 HQO: Hi, Nancy?

4 MS. McNAMARA: Yeah.

5 HQO: This is Howie Crouch. I'm the
6 headquarters operations officer (inaudible) and my
7 humble apologies for the late hour.

8 MS. McNAMARA: (Inaudible) what can I do
9 for you?

10 HQO: I have a bunch of your colleagues
11 on a conference call right now.

12 MS. McNAMARA: Okay.

13 HQO: And the issue and the concern is
14 that there is significant media interest and federal
15 partner interest and concern that there is an ongoing
16 release at TMI in conjunction with their steam
17 generator replacement work. So trust me, you got a
18 whole bunch of people on the bridge.

19 MS. McNAMARA: Okay, thanks a lot, Howie,
20 I'll listen in.

21 HQO: And we have nobody alleging there
22 is a release outside containment, but there is a whole
23 in the containment.

24 MS. McNAMARA: This is true, then.

25 HQO: Well, it sounds like it.

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1 MS. McNAMARA: Oh, okay.

2 HQO: But I'm going to transfer you up
3 now at the request of Ron Bellamy.

4 MS. McNAMARA: Okay, thanks Howie.

5 HQO: All right.

6 (Tape 14)

7 HQO: NRC Operations Center. This is a
8 recorded line. Can I help you?

9 MR. LEE: Yes, hi. My name is David Lee,
10 and I work over at the NRCC group. And what I got it,
11 I just got a phone call from the (inaudible) group and
12 they said that there was something going on at Three
13 Mile Island, and I wanted to know if you had any kind
14 of indications or warnings with regard to something
15 happening at the Three Mile Island facility.

16 HQO: Yes, sir, this is headquarters
17 operations officer at the NRC here, but we currently
18 we got some personnel discussing a media interest
19 issue at TMI. Okay. But we have no reports from TMI.
20 Okay?

21 MR. LEE: Okay, so right now it's just
22 media interest in something, an incident, but nothing
23 from the site itself?

24 HQO: That's correct, sir. Yeah, I mean
25 media interest in - now when you say incident, to me

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1 that's a loaded term because I used to work at the
2 Department of Navy, an incident means a big thing that
3 is going on that is a potentially significant issue.
4 We don't know that. When we know that, certainly we
5 are going to call out and let everyone know. But we
6 do not know that at this time. We have no emergency
7 report from TMI.

8 MR. LEE: All right, okay, I will
9 (inaudible) to know that. Thank you so much.

10 HQO: So that's what we got. We do have
11 a media interest report from TMI. I mean not from TMI
12 itself, but a media interest report that we have heard
13 about from Exelon, where there is some media interest
14 in an issue at the site. And Exelon is the utility
15 there. All right?

16 MR. LEE: All right, thank you.

17 HQO: Goodbye.

18 (Tape 15)

19 PARTICIPANT: (Inaudible), this is Paula.

20 HQO: Yeah, hi, Paula, this is Howie
21 Crouch, a headquarters operations officer at the
22 Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and we have been
23 requested by Javier Brand, who is a senior resident
24 inspector there, to talk to the shift outage manager.
25 Who would that be?

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1 PARTICIPANT: The shift outage manager?

2 HQO: Right, the work center manager that
3 is on tonight?

4 PARTICIPANT: That's Jim Hauchman. If
5 you will hold, please, I'll get him down here to speak
6 with you. Your name again?

7 HQO: Howie Crouch, C-r-o-u-c-h.

8 PARTICIPANT: Howie, huh?

9 HQO: Right, and I'm with the U.S.
10 Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

11 PARTICIPANT: Okay, hold on.

12 HQO: Thanks.

13 (Pause)

14 PARTICIPANT: Howie?

15 HQO: Yes.

16 PARTICIPANT: Hold the line, please. I'm
17 going to send you over to Jim Hauchman.

18 HQO: Okay, thanks.

19 MR. HAUCHMAN: Jim Hauchman.

20 HQO: Hi, Jim, this is Howie Crouch. I'm
21 the headquarters operations officer, U.S. Nuclear
22 Regulatory Commission.

23 MR. HAUCHMAN: Howie.

24 HQO: And you are the outage control
25 coordinator for tonight?

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1 MR. HAUCHMAN: I'm the shift outage
2 manager for tonight.

3 HQO: Wow, that is too bad for you.

4 MR. HAUCHMAN: That is correct.

5 HQO: The reason why I'm calling is
6 Javier Brand gave me your number, and obviously there
7 is a significant concern about what's going on with
8 the inside containment and potentially outside
9 containment to say the least, are airborne with
10 (inaudible) air alert.

11 MR. HAUCHMAN: Yes.

12 HQO: And what I've got is, I've got a
13 whole slew of regional and headquarters personnel that
14 need to bend your ear. Do you have time to do that?

15 MR. HAUCHMAN: I do. I do. I got some
16 other calls going on, but I got time to talk to you.

17 HQO: Okay, Jim, what I'm going to do is,
18 I'm going to transfer you up into the EEO bridge.
19 You're going to be the only one on there. I'm going
20 to tell the guys you are there, and then they'll
21 connect the two bridges.

22 MR. HAUCHMAN: Okay.

23 (Tape 18)

24 HQO: (Inaudible) Coeur d'Alene, how may
25 I help you?

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1 TSA: How you doing? This is Jeff with
2 TSA. We (inaudible).
3 HQO: TSA?
4 TSA: Yes.
5 HQO: The Transportation Safety?
6 TSA: Yes, sir.
7 HQO: Okay, go ahead.
8 TSA: Is there anything going on out at
9 Three Mile Island?
10 HQO: There is a significant media event
11 going on down there, but I can tell you right now that
12 right now there is no emergency at that site, and the
13 licensee has not reached the threshold of reporting to
14 the NRC yet.
15 TSA: Okay, so what's going on, a
16 significant what?
17 HQO: A media event. Apparently somebody
18 had made a phone call to the media that something was
19 going on at the plant, so they're on the plant site
20 interviewing folks and everything else over a - some
21 folks getting contaminated.
22 TSA: Okay, and nothing has been reported
23 to you?
24 HQO: Nope, nothing has reached the level
25 of reporting criteria for the licensee.

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1 TSA: Okay.

2 HQO: Okay?

3 TSA: All right. Thank you.

4 HQO: I assure if something of an
5 emergency nature happens down there we will call.

6 TSA: Okay. Thanks.

7 HQO: You're welcome.

8 (Tape 19)

9 HQO: NRC Operations Center, this is a
10 recorded line, can I help you?

11 MR. HARTMAN: Is this the NRC Operations
12 Center?

13 HQO: It is, sir.

14 MR. HARTMAN: Great, my name is Brian
15 Hartman. I'm a producer at ABC News. I'm trying to
16 figure out if there is an on-call public affairs
17 officer.

18 HQO: Okay, what is your name, sir?

19 MR. HARTMAN: Sure, it's Brian Hartman, H-
20 a-r-t-m-a-n.

21 HQO: H-a-r-t-m-a-n. You're from ABC
22 News?

23 MR. HARTMAN: Yes, that's right.

24 HQO: Could I have a call-back number for
25 you, sir?

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1 MR. HARTMAN: Yes, sir,

2 I'm calling about Three Mile Island. One
3 of our reporters up in that area, near Harrisburg,
4 said that they had heard that there was some sort of a
5 leak up there. I'm just trying to figure out whether
6 it's anything we should carry about or not.

7 HQO: Okay, sir. Just to let you know we
8 have no reports of any emergency here.

9 MR. HARTMAN: Okay.

10 HQO: But I can certainly put you in
11 contact with someone from Region 1 public affairs,
12 okay?

13 MR. HARTMAN: Okay, that'd be awesome.

14 HQO: And I'm going to try and reach
15 Diane Screnci, just to give you a name.

16 MR. HARTMAN: Okay, how do you spell her
17 name just so I know?

18 HQO: S-c-r-e-n-c-i.

19 MR. HARTMAN: Awesome, thanks so much.

20 HQO: And she should get back in touch
21 with you hopefully sooner - do you have any kind of
22 deadline on this sir?

23 MR. HARTMAN: No, I mean we're on the air
24 24 hours a day. Basically at this point there is a
25 reporter from Harrisburg who says they're just

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1 following up on a report. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S BULLSHIT
2 OR SOMETHING REALLY HAPPENED. I just remember the last time
3 something like this happened, it was like pulling
4 teeth trying to get anything out of Exelon. So I just
5 don't know whether (inaudible).

6 HQO: All right, sir. Thanks for
7 calling, and yeah, we will get Diane or someone to
8 give you a call back then.

9 MR. HARTMAN: And the desk officers, the
10 people who called me before they called me also called
11 DHS and DOE, so the NOCs at those places know about it
12 as well, know that we're asking about it. If that
13 helps you.

14 HQO: Yes, it does. Thank you very much
15 for the info, and again, yeah, we will have Diane or
16 somebody get in contact with you. Thanks for the
17 call, Brian.

18 MR. HARTMAN: Bye.

19 HQO: Bye.

20 (Tape 21)

21 PARTICIPANT: National Operations,
22 communications, may I help you?

23 HQO: Yeah, this is Howie Crouch. I'm a
24 headquarters operations officer at the U.S. Nuclear
25 Regulatory Commission.

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1 PARTICIPANT: Yes, sir.

2 HQO: Is this the (inaudible).

3 PARTICIPANT: It is not. If you will
4 hold I will get her on line for you.

5 HQO: Thank you very much.

6 (Pause)

7 MS. VESTAL: This is senior (inaudible),
8 Dr. Pam Vestal.

9 HQO: Hi, Pam, this is Howie Crouch from
10 headquarters office, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
11 Commission.

12 MS. VESTAL: Hi, how are you doing?

13 HQO: Well, I understand you guys have
14 been getting all kinds of phone traffic concerning
15 Three mile Island.

16 MS. VESTAL: Yes, we're still getting it,
17 and I'm trying to respond right
18 now.

19 HQO: Well, let me tell you what's going
20 on at Three Mile Island.

21 MS. VESTAL: Okay.

22 HQO: There were planned maintenance
23 activities. They are shut down for a refueling
24 outage.

25 MS. VESTAL: Okay.

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1 HQO: Inside containment there is a low
2 level contamination release.

3 MS. VESTAL: Okay.

4 HQO: And some workers have gotten their
5 clothing contaminated, things like that, and right now
6 they are leading them out and doing whole body counts.
7 It is not a significant occupational threat, and
8 things like that happen during an outage.

9 MS. VESTAL: Okay.

10 HQO: Been there and done that. Okay?

11 MS. VESTAL: Okay.

12 HQO: There is no threat to public health
13 and safety. The NRC is aware and is following
14 closely, and we are calling you because we are aware
15 it's a public (inaudible) event.

16 MS. VESTAL: Right.

17 HQO: But at this time no - it does not
18 warrant any other federal reaction. NRC is not
19 activated or anything else like that. We've discussed
20 it, we're sending a senior resident out there to
21 figure out what's going on. The licensee is trying to
22 figure out what is going on, so they can mitigate.

23 MS. VESTAL: Okay, well, for now I'm going
24 to just pass that information on and let us know if
25 anything changes.

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1 HQO: Okay, sure will.

2 MS. VESTAL: All right, thank you sir.

3 HQO: You're welcome.

4 (New call)

5 ANNOUNCEMENT: You have reached the
6 United States Department of Energy Operations Center.

7 Your call is being transferred to a DOE watch
8 officer.

9 DOE OFFICER: (Inaudible) how may I help
10 you?

11 HQO: Yeah, I'm sorry, (inaudible).

12 DOE OFFICER: This is Thomas Yates.

13 HQO: Hey, Thomas Gates, this is Howie
14 Crouch. I'm the headquarters operations officer, U.S.
15 Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

16 DOE OFFICER: Yes, sir.

17 HQO: You guys called earlier and you are
18 probably getting phone calls about something happening
19 at TMI.

20 DOE OFFICER: Right.

21 HQO: Okay, TMI is in an outing, refueling
22 plant. That means the plant is shut down and they are
23 refueling the reactor.

24 DOE OFFICER: Plant is shut down?

25 HQO: Right, they are refueling, and

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1 actually they are replacing components inside the
2 reactor. As normally happens, and could happen during
3 any maintenance activity, there is some airborne
4 contamination in containment.

5 DOE OFFICER: Okay. But it's nothing
6 major?

7 HQO: No, it's not a significant
8 occupational hazard. There is no public health and
9 safety issue here.

10 DOE OFFICER: No public health --

11 HQO: -- or safety.

12 DOE OFFICER: Or safety issue.

13 HQO: Safety, NRC is aware and following
14 closely.

15 DOE OFFICER: Okay, NRC is monitoring.

16 HQO: We are only calling you because we
17 know, we are aware it's a public interest event. And
18 no response from any other federal organization beyond
19 the NRC is warranted.

20 DOE OFFICER: Okay, no response --

21 HQO: No, response warranted.

22 DOE OFFICER: Got it.

23 HQO: All right?

24 DOE OFFICER: All right, thanks a lot.
25 Your name again?

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1 HQO: Howie, H-o-w-i-e Crouch C-r-o-u-c-h.
2 Have a good day.

3 DOE OFFICER: Yeah, you too, bye.

4 (Tape 22)

5 TMI: (Inaudible) this is Marcie, how
6 can I help?

7 HQO: Hi, Marcie, this is Howie Crouch.
8 I'm the headquarters operations officer, and I got a
9 call earlier from your TSA surface phone concerning
10 Three Mile Island.

11 TMI: Okay, hold on one minute.

12 HQO: All right, thanks.

13 (Pause)

14 (Tape 22_1)

15 TMI: (Inaudible) headquarters, right?

16 HQO: Yeah, NRC headquarters.

17 TMI: When did you receive the call?

18 HQO: It was probably, oh gosh, it was
19 probably 45 minutes ago.

20 TMI: Okay, hold on.

21 (Pause)

22 MR. ROBERTS: This line is recorded.
23 Roberts speaking.

24 HQO: Mr. Roberts, this is Howie Crouch.
25 I'm a headquarters operations officer at the U.S.

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1 Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

2 MR. ROBERTS: Oh, yeah, I didn't call you.
3 You probably - you talked to the NICC.

4 HQO: No, I talked to TSA source
5 (inaudible).

6 MR. ROBERTS: No, sir, I've been sitting
7 in surface all night since 1800.

8 HQO: All right, somebody called me. But
9 that is okay.

10 MR. ROBERTS: Fine, let me help you out if
11 I can.

12 HQO: I was just going to give you
13 information and close the loop.

14 MR. ROBERTS: On that TMI?

15 HQO: Yeah, basically, no, you are right,
16 it's TMI, Three Mile Island.

17 MR. ROBERTS: Right.

18 HQO: That's in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

19 MR. ROBERTS: Right.

20 HQO: And they're shut down, and they've
21 been shutdown for awhile. They are doing a refueling
22 outage.

23 MR. ROBERTS: Right.

24 HQO: And as part of the refueling outage
25 they do a lot of maintenance activities. Well, inside

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1 containment they had a release of low level
2 contamination, and some folks working inside the
3 containment building got contaminated. It's not a
4 significant occupational hazard; I've been there and
5 done that. I used to work outages down in Turkey
6 Point. And there is no significant occupational
7 hazards, no public safety issues.

8 We are just letting you guys know because
9 there is public interest. The NRC is aware. We are
10 following the activities on site, and we --

11 MR. ROBERTS: Will NRC be getting a
12 report?

13 HQO: No, it's really a non-event.

14 MR. ROBERTS: That's what I figured it
15 was.

16 HQO: The only thing that makes it an
17 event is all the public interest.

18 MR. ROBERTS: That's what usually the
19 case.

20 HQO: That is correct, no safety event
21 here. No public health safety issue, no nothing, it's
22 all good. (Laughter)

23 MR. ROBERTS: Okay.

24 HQO: I'm from the government, I'm here to
25 help you.

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1 MR. ROBERTS: I know. I was trying to
2 figure out what they were talking about. Because you
3 can find anything in the media, one way or the other.

4 HQO: Yeah, well, Exelon, which is the
5 parent group, the owners, there is an issue of a press
6 release here, one of these days. But you are going
7 to hear (inaudible) ABC is all over the place down
8 there, and we're getting all kinds of phone calls from
9 media folks here, and everything else. The bottom
10 line is, there are some folks that got concerned about
11 it on site, started calling media, starting calling
12 DOE, starting calling us. (b)(7)(A)

13 (b)(7)(A)

14 MR. ROBERTS: Right. So with the local
15 ABC that is reporting on these things --

16 HQO: Wherever Harrisburg is.

17 MR. ROBERTS: Okay, Harrisburg.

18 HQO: Now Washington, D.C. is starting to
19 get involved because we are getting calls from them as
20 well.

21 MR. ROBERTS: Okay, but this is just a
22 routine maintenance action and a small release that
23 contaminated the suits but not the people?

24 HQO: Yeah, no public health safety issue,
25 no occupational health safety, I mean when you go

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1 inside containment you wear a yellow anti (inaudible)
2 suit like you see these guys at (inaudible) or
3 whatever show. You look like Big Bird going in there.

4 You got rubber gloves, all kind of stuff.
5 Contamination is just dirt, irradiated --

6 MR. ROBERTS: I know, I used to work in
7 chemical plants, and I know the suits.

8 HQO: Right, so it's the same suits that
9 you guys used to wear in the chem plants.

10 MR. ROBERTS: You'd have to come out and
11 bathe anyway.

12 HQO: You'd come out, you'd take them off,
13 and you wear modesty shorts, stuff like that, and so
14 it's all good.

15 MR. ROBERTS: That's what they are talking
16 about.

17 HQO: That's it.

18 MR. ROBERTS: Just release on their
19 nominal protective uniforms. So there is no public
20 health and no - what was the other thing you said?

21 HQO: No, significant occupational health
22 issues, okay?

23 MR. ROBERTS: Okay, thank you so much.

24 HQO: Okay, goodbye.

25 (New call)

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1 HQO: This is U.S. NRC Operations, Coeur
2 d'Alene, may I help you?

3 PARTICIPANT: Yes, this is Sam
4 (inaudible), I'm calling from Region 1.

5 HQO: Yeah, hey Sam. Hey, Sam, can I put
6 you on hold just for a short second here for the other
7 line.

8 PARTICIPANT: You bet, that may be Region
9 1 calling.

10 HQO: Okay, thank you.

11 (New call)

12 HQO: Headquarters operations officer, how
13 may I help you?

14 PARTICIPANT: (Inaudible) can you tell
15 me (inaudible) office?

16 HQO: Okay, nobody is on the bridge right
17 now. Let's put him up there. We got (inaudible).

18 HQO: Okay, yeah, I'm going to put you up
19 there. Hold on.

20 HQO: Okay, Sam, my apologies, (inaudible)
21 Region 1 folks calling in.

22 PARTICIPANT: Yeah, we are going to add
23 to our bridge for the discussion on Three Mile Island.

24 HQO: Yeah, we already started it up, and
25 I'll transfer you up there now.

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(Tape 23)

HQO: NRC Operations officer, operations center, this is a recorded line. Can I help you?

PARTICIPANT: Hi, there. Yeah, this is Brian at ABC. I just want to know if this is the fella I talked to earlier.

HQO: Yes, it is, Brian.

MR. ROBERTS: I just wanted to give you more details just in case this will help you. So this is what my guys sent me, that ABC affiliate, WHTM in Harrisburg, says a spokesman at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant says 150 works are being decontaminated after, quote, a leak of some sort, at Unit #1. And Unit #1 was shut down, (inaudible) no threat to the public, and they'll send out a press release shortly.

HQO: Okay, all right. All right, Brian, I'm going to have somebody talk to you about that.

MR. ROBERTS: I'm just calling you because (inaudible) and I just thought that would help you in case, you know, sometimes the media picks up on stuff before you do, so just letting you know.

HQO: Yeah, certainly, and as you know, there are all kinds of stories floating around before the facts --

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1 MR. ROBERTS: I know, I was in the
2 military for four years, I heard three stories
3 (inaudible) around all this bullshit, so.

4 HQO: Well, hey, I appreciate the call on
5 that, and we'll pass that information along also. I
6 did pass along your contact information. Diane, she
7 is still talking to some other people right now, but
8 she does have your name and number.

9 MR. ROBERTS: I'm sure she'll get back.
10 Thanks so much, have a good night.

11 HQO: You too, goodbye.

12 (Tape 24)

13 NICC: NICC, Kevin Lee, how can I help
14 you?

15 HQO: Hey, Kevin, this is Howie Crouch.
16 I'm the headquarters operations officer at the U.S.
17 Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

18 NICC: How are you doing, Mr. Howie?

19 HQO: I'm doing well, Mr. Lee. Here is
20 the deal. Just to let you know, we wanted to follow
21 up about, I guess you called earlier about something
22 happening at TMI.

23 NICC: Right.

24 HQO: Right now Three Mile Island is shut
25 down. They've been shut down. They are doing what we

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1 call a refueling outage, what they call a refueling
2 outage, which they refuel the reactor.

3 NICC: Right.

4 HQO: And they do significant maintenance
5 work while they are shut down, and as sometimes
6 happens, there was some airborne contamination inside
7 the reactor building, and we call it containment.

8 NICC: Okay.

9 HQO: And as a consequence some folks
10 working inside the containment building got
11 contaminated.

12 NICC: Okay.

13 HQO: Now, right now, all their folks are
14 being monitored and going through whole body counts
15 and everything else. It's not a significant
16 occupational hazard nor is there any public health and
17 safety issue here. They've monitored it outside the
18 reactor building; no releases, no nothing.

19 NICC: Okay.

20 HQO: So what it is is, we understand
21 there is a significant public interest in it now,
22 because of the media and everything else.

23 NICC: Okay.

24 HQO: We're just calling to let you know
25 that the NRC is aware of the issue, and we are closely

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1 following it with our staff in the region and on site,
2 and there is no federal reaction - no federal actions
3 are required.

4 NICC: So tell me something then. There
5 were - there basically won't be any statements since
6 there were no -- this is sort of like an incident
7 non-incident. HQO: Yeah, it's a non-
8 event.

9 NICC: Okay.

10 HQO: This happened - I used to work
11 maintenance at a power plant. I worked for Florida
12 Power & Light, and I can't tell you how many times I
13 got crapped up working inside containment. If you
14 wear these yellow suits, you look like Big Bird, when
15 you contaminate them they take them off, they wash
16 them, and you get out, you shower, you go through a
17 whole body counter, and you're done.

18 NICC: Okay.

19 HQO: Not a big deal.

20 NICC: Okay.

21 HQO: Okay?

22 NICC: All right, thank you so much.

23 HQO: All right, Mr. Lee.

24 NICC: All right, you have a nice night.

25 HQO: Same to you as well.

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(Tape 25)

HQO: NRC operations center, this is a recorded line, can I help you?

PARTICIPANT: Yes, hi, this is Daryl Roberts, Region 1. I'm trying to be connected to the TMI group.

HQO: No bridge ongoing at this time, Daryl, but I do have two other calls calling in.

PARTICIPANT: Yeah, this is probably for the same call. It should be Dave Lew, Dan (inaudible) calling, and others calling in.

HQO: Oh, a follow up conference?

PARTICIPANT: I don't know if it's a follow up. It's an ongoing --

HQO: No, that's what I'm telling you, I'm looking at my bridge, there is nobody on there. I mean I could ask. Dave Lew was on there, he's gone now. I mean I can transfer you up there, nobody is up there.

Okay, Dan is coming up too apparently, so I'll transfer you up there, and you'll up there with Sam, and I don't know if there is anybody that can tell you anything at this point, but hold on.

(Tape 26)

HQO: Hi, NRC operations center, this is a

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1 record line, how can I help you?

2 MS. SCRENCI: Hi, it's Diane Screnci.

3 HQO: Hi, Diane.

4 MS. SCRENCI: Can you tell me who the OPA
5 public affairs person on call is at headquarters?

6 HQO: Well, I told Eliot Brenner, but let
7 me see right now, it's the weekend, I forgot. I have
8 to remind myself it's Saturday. I'll find out here.
9 Yeah, I know Eliot just went out of the country.

10 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah, he went to China or
11 Japan or some place.

12 HQO: So this weekend is Yvonne Coret or
13 (pronouncing) Coret.

14 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

15 HQO: Okay?

16 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah, thanks.

17 HQO: Okay, bye.

18 (End)

19 MR. ROBERTS: Is anyone else on? This is
20 TMI-27

21 Darrell Roberts.

22 MR. LEW: Hi, Darrell. This is Dave. I'm
23 on the line.

24 MR. ROBERTS: How are you doing, Dave?

25 MR. COLLINS: This is Sam.

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1 MR. LEW: Yeah. Hi, Sam.

2 MR. COLLINS: How are you doing?

3 Darrell, Dave at (inaudible) was going to
4 call me and update me on TMI, and I mentioned to him
5 that you had called earlier, so he went ahead and
6 imposed on the -- on the HOO to set up a bridge on
7 this.

8 So is the duty officer on the line?

9 (No response.)

10 I guess not. So --

11 PARTICIPANT: This is the headquarters
12 operations officer. The Region I duty officer is not
13 here, but the headquarters ops officer is. Do you
14 want me to --

15 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Dave, did you want
16 John White or the Region I duty officer on the line,
17 or not?

18 MR. LEW: No, we don't need them. We had
19 them on a call earlier before I gave --

20 MR. COLLINS: I see.

21 MR. LEW: -- you a call. So we have had
22 -- we have had a call. We also had the licensee on
23 the line, so we -- we understand somewhat of what has
24 occurred and what the next steps are.

25 MR. COLLINS: Okay, fine.

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1 MR. LEW: I think at this point the
2 briefing is just for you and Darrell.

3 MR. COLLINS: Okay. I understand.

4 MR. LEW: Okay. Let me start from the
5 beginning. The issue here deals with a contamination
6 event -- event in the TMI containment, which started
7 about 1600 today. The contamination event is -- I
8 would call it not significant in terms of impact on
9 individuals, but there were a lot of individuals in
10 containment, greater than 100.

11 And also, recollect that there is
12 currently a cold cut in containment for the steam
13 generator replacement. While this event was not a
14 significant personnel hazard or an impact on public
15 health and safety, it has turned into a potential
16 media event.

17 We understand that there is -- ABC is
18 onsite engaging TMI. There are some other news
19 organizations who heard of some issues. The licensee
20 has reached out to the state, the local authorities,
21 and the press, and they are issuing a press release.

22 So before I go too much into those
23 activities, let me tell you what happened. At about
24 1600, there were a number of activities in
25 containment. These activities included several

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1 ongoing cuts of the Bravo loop in preparation to
2 replace the steam generator. There was a number of
3 other activities, and at this point the licensee has
4 not made a direct correlation or link to specific
5 activity causing the airborne contamination.

6 The airborne contamination did cause the
7 alarms to go off for a number of rad monitors. The
8 licensee evacuated containment. There are over 100
9 people who are being processed out, a number of folks
10 long before we monitored, as they were exiting. Those
11 folks who alarmed the portal monitor, they were
12 evaluated for whole body counts.

13 There may have been some internal intakes.

14 At this point, about 10 people so far, but there are
15 still people going through the portal monitors to see
16 whether or not they were contaminated.

17 The estimated intake is, for most of the
18 folks who were internally contaminated, was in the
19 range of 10 to 16 millirem, so relatively low doses.

20 The licensee did stop all activity. The
21 maximized ventilation to minimize any -- any outward
22 movement of air through the openings. They did take
23 samples around the containment and did not identify
24 any positive samples for contamination.

25 That said, there was still some slight

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1 airflow outside of the openings. They are going to
2 evaluate that, but that's going to be some very low
3 levels of -- a small fraction of what the OCD numbers
4 would be, but they will be evaluating that.

5 The licensee still continues to be in the
6 assessment stage. They have teams of HPs in the
7 containment doing surveys. The contamination is
8 documented in terms of the levels, as I understand,
9 but they need to understand what caused the -- the
10 airborne activity. So that's ongoing.

11 What we've heard today was that there is a
12 number of media outlets that have caught wind of this.
13 They also called to the licensee. There have been
14 some calls also to DHS as well. And so some of the --
15 some of our sister agencies have been contacting us.

16 We also understand -- we also understand
17 that there has been some questions from ABC that's
18 onsite, as well as someone that has now talked -- they
19 left their number with -- with Diane, who Diane is
20 giving them a call back.

21 We have currently talked through some key
22 messages on the call, so that everybody is aligned
23 with those key messages. We intend to reach out to
24 DHS, such that we can assure that they are up to
25 speed, answer questions, and give them the risk

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1 significance and context of this event. We have Nancy
2 McNamara reaching out to the state, as well as OCA.

3 As I indicated, the PAO is prepared to
4 take questions at this point. We also will have the
5 HOO send out a -- send out an e-mail to the key
6 management to provide an update of this event and what
7 the next steps are.

8 Next steps -- and so let me pause here for
9 some questions on the event.

10 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. Dave, I have a
11 couple. But is this an ongoing this? Is this an
12 ongoing event, or was it secured, or what is the
13 status of it?

14 MR. LEW: They have stopped all -- they
15 have stopped all work activities in -- in containment.
16 Therefore, any -- any activity causing airborne
17 contamination has stopped. They have also maximized
18 the ventilation to minimize any air outflow from the
19 containment.

20 PARTICIPANT: Were they able to put up
21 anything to secure the hole, or to close the hole in
22 containment while this was being -- while this was
23 ongoing or before they evacuated, or afterwards?

24 MR. LEW: No. You know, not that I'm
25 aware of at this point.

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1 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Dave, so I guess if I
2 -- I'm listening to that, I'm -- what I'm hearing is
3 that there is no ongoing release? This was a one-time
4 -- huh?

5 MR. LEW: Yes. This is considered a
6 contamination event versus really any radiological
7 release. And so there may have been some small
8 fraction of airborne contamination that has gone
9 outside of containment, and they'll evaluate that.
10 But it's not an impact on the public health and
11 safety.

12 PARTICIPANT: Okay. But you indicated
13 that there were alarms inside containment?

14 MR. LEW: Yes, there was airborne
15 contamination along -- inside containment, and in
16 response to that they did evacuate the containment.

17 PARTICIPANT: Okay. And those alarms have
18 cleared?

19 MR. LEW: I do not know the status of
20 those alarms, whether they have cleared or not.

21 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

22 MR. LEW: I'll have to follow-up on that.

23 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Are we -- I'm just
24 testing based on what I'm hearing, so do we know for
25 sure that there's not an ongoing release?

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1 MR. LEW: I believe we -- I believe that
2 there is not an ongoing release, because they secured
3 all activities. And the monitors -- they have
4 maximized ventilation, and they have taken samples
5 outside of containment that was negative.

6 PARTICIPANT: Oh, that -- okay. So that's
7 as far as external to containment. But how about
8 inside containment?

9 MR. LEW: Inside containment they do have
10 individuals that are in containment, and those are the
11 HP folks still in containment taking swipes and trying
12 to assess the radiological conditions in containment.
13 The people that have left containment, have
14 evacuated, are being monitored through radiation
15 portal monitors, and those which are alarming the
16 monitors are getting whole body counts.

17 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Dave, they didn't
18 meet any EAL criteria for this when they evacuated
19 containment?

20 MR. LEW: I don't believe that there was
21 any EAL -- EAL that would have been met. This is --
22 you know, it's not for the number of folks that were
23 in containment, and the fact that there is a
24 containment cut. It would be not much different than
25 other contamination events, since it's airborne events

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1 in containment that we have seen in the past.

2 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. I guess what Bill is
3 asking -- Dave, this is Sam -- is -- and I think every
4 site is a little different, and I'm not sure where we
5 are with the NEI criteria or not, but whether or not
6 they met an EAL due to their having to evacuate a
7 space because of a radiological concern.

8 MR. LEW: Well, I'll follow-up on that. I
9 will verify that EALs are not met, but I understand --
10 I understand the question. I don't believe at this
11 point that there would be any EALs that would have
12 been met. But I will confirm that.

13 MR. COLLINS: Okay. And did we have a
14 resident onsite? Or do we have a resident onsite?

15 MR. LEW: We do not have a resident -- the
16 resident is at home. We do not have a resident onsite
17 right now. We are trying to -- we are contacting Ron
18 Nimitz, and John White may also go out to the site
19 tomorrow. We will also be getting support. Dave
20 Curran is on annual leave, but Dave Spendler is coming
21 from Beaver Valley and will be onsite. And we're
22 trying to get him onsite early in the morning.

23 MR. COLLINS: Okay. So is there a
24 resident in the area right now, Dave?

25 MR. LEW: Yes, there is. Javier is in the

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1 area right now.

2 MR. COLLINS: Okay. And he is not on his
3 way to the site?

4 MR. LEW: He is -- he is not on his way to
5 the site. We can revisit that, but the thought was at
6 this point there is a number of things that we need to
7 confirm. However, we do not think at this point it
8 was necessary for him to go through. We can revisit
9 that, Sam.

10 MR. COLLINS: Okay. All right. Why don't
11 we go ahead and proceed with the briefing. We can
12 come back to that.

13 MR. LEW: Sure. Right now --

14 MR. COLLINS: Before you go, Dave,
15 Darrell, did you have any other questions?

16 MR. ROBERTS: No. Go ahead, Dave. Yeah,
17 I just received a briefing, and I can maybe ask some,
18 or maybe they will be answered later.

19 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Go ahead, Dave.

20 MR. LEW: Right now, the --

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1 We talked to the licensee. The licensee
2 indicated that there was not, but what we will do in
3 the morning -- what we were (inaudible) in the morning
4 (inaudible) to assure that, if all of the processing
5 (inaudible) the inspectors limits and also (inaudible)
6 to follow-up on the issues and make sure that they
7 were confirmed, that there was no other types of
8 contamination extended through the containment. That
9 would seem consistent with what the licensee had
10 reported, that they took swipes and did not find any
11 contamination.

12 Okay. I lost track of other -- other
13 things that we were going to do here. I think I
14 covered our external communications at this point, as
15 well as internal. Ron and his staff sent us an e-mail
16 to (inaudible) senior managers.

17 I think at this point we -- we've got a
18 copy of the press release. And I have not seen it,
19 but Diane has seen a copy of the press release. And
20 that should be issued shortly, and hopefully that will
21 diffuse some of the information that is out there.

22 So let me -- I think that's about what I
23 have to share at this point. And maybe the questions
24 will generate some things that I may have missed.

25 PARTICIPANT: Yes. I guess the question I

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1 had is: when did -- when did this occur? And when
2 did we first hear about it, you know? Because it
3 sounds like there has been a lot of activity.

4 You know, Diane has been involved, has
5 seen a press release. It sounds like this has been
6 ongoing, you know, for a longer period of time than I
7 assumed, because I just got a call from John about 15
8 -- maybe 30 minutes ago, and I assumed it was a more
9 recent event.

10 MR. LEW: Yeah. I do not -- I do not -- I
11 have not gone, at this point, into a timeline
12 (inaudible). But I understand why -- why that
13 timeline took place. But I understand 1600 was when
14 this first occurred.

15 I understand that the resident inspector
16 was notified at 7:30 this evening. And I do not -- I
17 got a quick call from Phil Nowell (phonetic), I think
18 it was about 10:00, a little bit after 10:00, 10:05,
19 10:10, at which point I touched base with Ron, and I
20 got pulled into the conference call that proceeded
21 (inaudible).

22 I do not know when we started getting the
23 media attention on this event, so I must defer to that
24 -- (inaudible) has said (inaudible) of that timeline.

25 MR. COLLINS: Okay, Dave.

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1 MR. LEW: You know, we'll sort through
2 their timeline.

3 MR. COLLINS: Okay. So --

4 MR. McDERMOTT: Dave and Sam, this is
5 Brian McDermott. I just want to let you know, I have
6 given you guys -- I was talking to the HOO and they
7 let me know that you guys were having a follow-up
8 call.

9 MR. LEW: Okay. That's fine.

10 MR. COLLINS: I'm sorry. Brian? Brian
11 McDermott?

12 MR. McDERMOTT: Yes, Sam.

13 MR. COLLINS: Hey, Brian. How are you
14 doing?

15 MR. McDERMOTT: All right.

16 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. I'm sorry. Brian was
17 on the original call that was somewhere about 10:00.
18 We also had Ray McKinley, Nancy McNamara, Diane
19 Screnci, John White, Ron Bellamy, and Javier Brand,
20 and myself.

21 PARTICIPANT:

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5 MR. COLLINS: I think -- I think for
6 everybody who is on the phone here, I think what we're
7 going to need to do is to get Bruce Mallet on this
8 phone and then probably have a TA brief, given the
9 potential for newspaper articles tomorrow morning.

10 I would want Bruce to be on board with
11 that call, but I think -- I received an e-mail from
12 Bruce on the Blackberry that Mike Johnson was acting
13 starting I believe it's this weekend, if I have that
14 right. Maybe it's -- so I know Bruce is out of town,
15 and he may not want to get involved in this. But I
16 think Mike Johnson is the Acting DEDR for today.

17 So what I would recommend is we get -- we
18 get Mike on -- Mike on the line through the HOO, and
19 then, Dave, we're going to have to get through a
20 couple of issues here to make sure that we're all on
21 board. And one would be whether or not they met the
22 unusual event criteria, and I think since they didn't
23 declare one I think the answer is, although we have to
24 understand the basis of that, that -- the other
25 question is whether or not there is ongoing release

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1 inside containment and whether or not there was a
2 release outside containment.

3 And it may be a little premature to know
4 that for sure, but we need to understand whether or
5 not there's an ongoing release inside containment.

6 MR. LEW: I think -- I think we really
7 want to get some other folks on the line as well. If
8 we have some follow-up questions, we will try and get
9 hold of the outage shift manager, who is -- I have his
10 name. It's Jim Kidman (phonetic). So we'll try and
11 get that -- try and get those questions answered as
12 well.

13 MR. COLLINS: And then, we need to I think
14 be sure that Diane and OCA are prepared to answer any
15 questions that may come up in the morning or tonight
16 to keep this in perspective. I'm not sure of the
17 exact circumstances, but we need to be sure that
18 people get the right information and keep it in
19 perspective.

20 So if there is -- I guess what I'm
21 thinking, Dave, if there is any connotation of a
22 question of whether or not there is still a release
23 inside containment, then we need to be headed into the
24 office. If it's -- if the release is terminated, and
25 they know the basis for that, and containment is clear

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1 and they are just processing people out, and it's
2 contamination with uptake that can be quantified, then
3 I think that can be dealt with.

4 But I -- I think we might want to consider
5 whether we need somebody going into the site in the
6 outage control center to be sure that we understand
7 what's going on. So is there a connection that we can
8 make inside the site there with the outage control
9 manager or some other level that you've talked to
10 already to get the answers to those questions?

11 MR. LEW: Yes, there is. And I think who
12 has the -- the headquarters operations officer does
13 have the number of the individual.

14 MR. COLLINS: Okay. So -- so why don't we
15 get him on the line, Dave, and I think you have the
16 list of questions. I'd prefer that you lead the
17 questioning.

18 MR. LEW: Yes.

19 MR. COLLINS: I'll take this right now as
20 a DRP lead on the -- on the circumstances. Darrell,
21 you're okay with that?

22 MR. ROBERTS: Yes. Yeah, I'm okay with
23 that, Sam. Of course, if we have any -- if you need
24 any support for that, Dave, we have folks that will be
25 available to support it.

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1 MR. COLLINS: Is John -- John White has
2 been involved in these calls before?

3 MR. LEW: Yes. John was on the call as
4 well -- as well as Ron Bellamy, and I will try and get
5 them on as well. So that's the last call, and help me
6 out here, Brian. If that's -- if the last call was
7 they terminated all activities, and that there was not
8 -- and maybe we did not ask the question specifically,
9 but it was strongly inferred that there was not an
10 ongoing release.

11 PARTICIPANT: Yes, Dave. That's correct.
12 They did clearly state that they had stopped all work
13 in the containment, that the HP techs that went inside
14 were wearing respiratory protection, they were doing
15 surveys, but so far they have not identified any areas
16 that were significantly above the contamination
17 identified during prior surveys. So they were
18 resurveying a bunch of areas, trying to narrow down
19 where the actual airborne event may have been
20 initiated.

21 MR. COLLINS: Okay. So the alarms have
22 cleared?

23 PARTICIPANT: They did not specifically
24 say that, Sam. So I -- it's hard to say.

25 MR. COLLINS: Okay. I understand.

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1 MR. LEW: And the levels -- the levels, as
2 I understand, of the airborne was not -- was higher
3 but not extraordinarily high. I can remember the --
4 of 2 DAC, and near the opening .2 DAC, which is
5 relatively low.

6 So it is -- and one of the questions which
7 John White asked, you know, it's not whether or not
8 it's significantly different than the normal
9 conditions in containment were. It sounded like it
10 was not much of a difference.

11 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Well, you know, my
12 instincts -- and I certainly would ask anyone to help
13 me here -- but my instincts are that at the crack of
14 dawn tomorrow morning there is going to have to be an
15 NRC spokesman who speaks to this event, if not before,
16 who is -- who is readily up to speed on the
17 information who can either confirm or not the
18 licensee's information, it being Three Mile Island,
19 and it being radiological, and it being a potential
20 release outside containment.

21 MR. LEW: Yes.

22 MR. COLLINS: It -- there is going to have
23 to be somebody who we can point to who is -- who is
24 credible who can speak to the issues and put them in
25 perspective. So I think getting -- Dave, if you would

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1 help by getting the outage manager on the line, so we
2 can understand the technical circumstances, and then
3 whoever we need to talk to within Exelon to be sure we
4 know what's going on with the press and the media, I
5 think that would be helpful before we decide what to
6 do next.

7 MR. LEW: I understand.

8 MR. COLLINS: And then, if we can get Mike
9 Johnson on the line, so he can get -- or at least
10 invite him to the briefing, because I think we may
11 want to consider to do a TA brief tonight, just to be
12 sure everybody is up to speed, so they don't read
13 about it in the paper in the morning without being
14 aware. We can do that after -- after the briefing
15 with the licensee as long as we're prepared to get
16 Mike up to speed or before it gets too late.

17 MR. LEW: Yeah. And I -- John White was
18 calling during this phone call trying to reach me. So
19 I will reconnect with him, or we can just -- maybe
20 just get him on the line for this phone call.

21 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Maybe we could ask
22 the HOO -- and, I'm sorry, I don't have the name of
23 the HOO, but if we could ask the HOO to connect Mike
24 Johnson to the bridge.

25 TMI-28

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1 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center. This
2 is a recorded line. How may I help you?

3 PARTICIPANT: Hey, yeah. This is -- this
4 is Sanford Lee. I work at the NICC, and I just wanted
5 to make sure that we got a good understanding between
6 the Surface Group and NICC, because I think if you
7 called over to the Surface Group I was the one that
8 called you for the NICC, not the Surface Group people.

9 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

10 PARTICIPANT: Were you just talking to --

11 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. I talked to somebody
12 over there.

13 PARTICIPANT: Okay, yeah. Well --

14 PARTICIPANT: And I told them the same
15 thing I told you.

16 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. Well, I'm with the --
17 he just wanted to make sure we got it right, because
18 he thought that you -- the way you were telling him
19 was the Surface Group had called in.

20 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. Well, okay, yeah.
21 But then, somebody had called and said they were TSA
22 Surface Group, and so I called TSA TSOC. Okay.

23 PARTICIPANT: NICC is who called you.

24 PARTICIPANT: Okay. We're all good, then.

25 PARTICIPANT: All right. Thank you so

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1 much.

2 PARTICIPANT: All right. Not a problem.

3 PARTICIPANT: Bye-bye.

4 PARTICIPANT: Bye.

5 TMI-28_5

6 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center. This
7 is a recorded line. How may I help you?

8 MS. SNYDER: Hi. I'm trying to reach
9 Diane Screnci. Is she available?

10 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. Who am I speaking to?

11 MS. SNYDER: Jill Snyder at ABC Radio New
12 York.

13 PARTICIPANT: And, Jill, what I'll do is
14 I'll get Diane -- your information to Diane.

15 MS. SNYDER: Okay.

16 PARTICIPANT: And you're with ABC Radio.

17 MS. SNYDER: ABC Radio New York, and the
18 number is 1-800-999-1222.

19 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Jill, I copied 1-800-
20 999-1222.

21 MS. SNYDER: Yes.

22 PARTICIPANT: Okay. And I'll give Diane
23 that.

24 MS. SNYDER: Thanks so much.

25 PARTICIPANT: All right. Thanks.

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1 MS. SNYDER: Okay. Thank you. Bye.

2 TMI-29

3 PARTICIPANT: Hi.

4 PARTICIPANT: This is Tom again, Bob. We
5 haven't finished all of our log entries, but this --

6 (Phone ringing.)

7 PARTICIPANT: What happened?

8 PARTICIPANT: Hold on. What --

9 PARTICIPANT: Inside containment --

10 (Phone ringing.)

11 They don't know. They didn't know. I
12 mean, it --

13 (Phone ringing.)

14 -- the piping.

15 MR. BELLAMY: Hello?

16 PARTICIPANT: They were doing --

17 MR. KOCH: Yeah... Hi, Ron?

18 MR. BELLAMY: Yes.

19 MR. KOCH: This is Howie Koch,
20 Headquarters Ops.

21 MR. BELLAMY: Hi.

22 MR. KOCH: Hey, Sam Collins requested
23 presence on the bridge. I'm going to transfer you up.

24 MR. BELLAMY: Okay.

25 MR. KOCH: Here you go. Ron Bellamy

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1 transferred up.

2 TMI-29_1

3 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center. This
4 is a recorded line. How may I help you?

5 MR. ROBERTS: Yes, hi. This is Darrell
6 Roberts. I just got disconnected from the TMI call
7 with Sam Collins.

8 PARTICIPANT: Hi, Darrell. I will
9 transfer you back up. And just so you're aware, I did
10 get a hit on -- ABC News has already got something out
11 on the web.

12 MR. ROBERTS: Okay. I'm about to check
13 the web myself.

14 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. I did Google News.

15 MR. ROBERTS: Okay. I did the same
16 earlier and didn't see anything. Can you do me a
17 favor and also reach John White and connect him to
18 this bridge?

19 PARTICIPANT: John White coming up on the
20 bridge as well. I'll get John White.

21 MR. ROBERTS: Okay. Thanks a lot.

22 PARTICIPANT: All right. I'll transfer
23 you up now.

24 MR. ROBERTS: Thanks a lot.

25 PARTICIPANT: Uh-huh, sir.

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1 TMI-29_2

2 MR. WHITE: John White.

3 MR. KOCH: Hi, John. Howie Koch,
4 Headquarters Operations Officer.

5 MR. WHITE: Yeah.

6 MR. KOCH: Mr. Darrell Roberts requests
7 your presence on the bridge with him, Sam Collins, and
8 more, concerning Three Mile Island.

9 MR. WHITE: Okay.

10 MR. KOCH: Are you aware of Three Mile
11 Island?

12 MR. WHITE: Yeah.

13 MR. KOCH: Okay. I'll transfer you up
14 now.

15 MR. WHITE: Okay. I know he said
16 (inaudible).

17 MR. KOCH: Okay. I'm going to go ahead
18 and transfer you.

19 MR. WHITE: Okay.

20 TMI-29_3

21 MR. BELLAMY: Hi. This is Ron Bellamy.

22 PARTICIPANT: Hi, Ron.

23 PARTICIPANT: Darrell and (inaudible) and
24 Mike Johnson.

25 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

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1 PARTICIPANT: We are getting a briefing
2 and catching up on the events at TMI 1, and --

3 FEMALE VOICE: Hello. You have reached
4 the Johnsons. We're unable to come to the phone right
5 now, but if you'd leave us a brief message, we'll call
6 you back. Thank you.

7 PARTICIPANT: I guess what we're going to
8 try to do is do a briefing --

9 PARTICIPANT: Mr. Johnson, Headquarters
10 Operations Officer with the NRC. It's about
11 11:44 p.m. on November 21st. Region I, Sam Collins,
12 asked me to contact you to give you a briefing on an
13 issue at TMI. Give us a call back here in the Ops
14 Center at 301-816 --
15 TMI-30

16 MR. SNYDER: This is Headquarters Ops
17 Officer. Can I help you?

18 MR. COLLINS: Yes, sir. Thank you. This
19 is Sam Collins from Region I.

20 MR. SNYDER: Yes, sir.

21 MR. COLLINS: And we're in the midst of an
22 internal briefing right now from Region I, and we have
23 Brian McDermott on the line from NSIR on the Three
24 Mile Island 1 internal contamination event inside
25 containment.

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1 And I understand that Mike Johnson is
2 acting for Bruce Mallet today, and I would like to get
3 Mike Johnson on the line, so we can brief him to
4 consider whether or not we need a TA brief.

5 MR. SNYDER: All right, sir. I will call
6 Mr. Johnson and let you know when I'm putting him up
7 on the bridge.

8 MR. COLLINS: All right. Thank you. And
9 who am I talking to, please?

10 MR. SNYDER: This is Pete Snyder.

11 MR. COLLINS: Pete Snyder?

12 MR. SNYDER: Yes, sir.

13 MR. COLLINS: All right, Pete. Thanks for
14 your help tonight.

15 MR. SNYDER: You're welcome.

16 MR. LEW: Steve, this is Dave Lew. When
17 you -- after you have gotten hold of Mike Johnson, can
18 you also try and get hold of Ron Bellamy as well?
19 Steve, are you still there?

20 PARTICIPANT: It's Pete. It's Pete, P as
21 in Peter.

22 MR. SNYDER: Yes, this is Pete. I'm here.

23 MR. LEW: Yes. Pete, after you've gotten
24 hold of Mike Johnson, can you also get hold of Ron
25 Bellamy and have him join the bridge as well?

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1 MR. SNYDER: All right, sir. I will get
2 hold of Ron Bellamy also:

3 MR. LEW: Thank you.

4 TMI-30_1

5 PARTICIPANT: Hello?

6 PARTICIPANT: Mr. Johnson, please. This
7 is the NRC calling.

8 PARTICIPANT: Yes, one moment. Hold on.

9 PARTICIPANT: I'm calling Mike Johnson
10 right now, Pete. I've got him on -- hey, Pete?

11 MR. JOHNSON: Hello?

12 PARTICIPANT: I just talked to his wife.
13 Oh, you have him on the line right there?

14 PARTICIPANT: Yes, I --

15 MR. JOHNSON: Mike Johnson.

16 PARTICIPANT: I'm sorry, Mr. Johnson. Are
17 you already talking to an ops officer?

18 MR. JOHNSON: No, I'm not.

19 PARTICIPANT: Oh, okay. I'm sorry. All
20 right. I'm sorry. This is the NRC Operations Center.
21 I've got a bridge going on with some NRC management
22 for Region I, including Sam Collins. Apparently,
23 there has been some event associated with the steam
24 generator replacement at TMI that resulted in some
25 contamination in containment. They would like to put

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1 you on the bridge to talk to you about it.

2 MR. JOHNSON: Okay.

3 PARTICIPANT: All right. I'm going to
4 transfer you.

5 TMI-31

6 PARTICIPANT: Dave, are you pursuing the
7 outage manager on a separate line, or --

8 MR. LEW: I was -- no. No, I have -- I
9 was not. I did not write down his telephone number.
10 I think that he has the number in hand, so as soon as
11 you (inaudible) get in touch with (inaudible), the
12 outage manager.

13 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Is -- how far away is
14 the resident inspector from the site, Dave?

15 MR. LEW: About an hour.

16 MR. COLLINS: I'm sorry?

17 MR. LEW: I think he lives about an hour
18 -- no, less than an hour. He's at home.

19 MR. COLLINS: Okay. And was he onsite --
20 was he onsite today?

21 MR. LEW: He was onsite today, yes.

22 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

23 MR. BELLAMY: Hi. This is Ron Bellamy.

24 MR. LEW: Hey, Ron. This is Dave

25 MR. COLLINS: Hey, Ron. Ron, good

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1 evening. This is Sam and Dave and Darrell and Brian
2 McDermott and soon -- soon Mike Johnson we think.

3 MR. BELLAMY: Okay.

4 MR. COLLINS: And we are getting a
5 briefing and catching up with the event at TMI 1. And
6 we have a couple questions we need to run down before
7 we decide next steps.

8 And I think what we're going to try to do
9 is do a briefing of Mike Johnson based on what we know
10 right now and determine, before it gets too late,
11 whether or not we need to do a TA brief based on the
12 potential media significance of the event.

13 And then, we have a few questions we want
14 to pursue concerning some quantification of whether or
15 not there is an ongoing release inside containment,
16 and whether or not the alarms have cleared, and then
17 some questioning around whether or not there were
18 circumstances which warranted an unusual event, and
19 then try to anticipate our response and whether or not
20 we need the resident inspector to go in there tonight,
21 so that we can be prepared first thing in the morning
22 for any questioning we may get by the media
23 stakeholders or elected officials.

24 MR. BELLAMY: Okay.

25 MR. COLLINS: Our understanding, at least

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1 as far as I know, is that ABC was either onsite or
2 going to the site.

3 MR. BELLAMY: ABC report went to the
4 training center on Route 441, and they spoke to Ralph
5 DeSantis, their Public Affairs Officer.

6 MR. COLLINS: Okay. About what time was
7 that?

8 MR. BELLAMY: I don't know the timing of
9 that.

10 MR. COLLINS: Sometime this afternoon?

11 MR. BELLAMY: No. No, it was sometime
12 this evening. I imagine that was close to 9:00, 9:00
13 to 10:00.

14 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Was that a local
15 affiliate, do you know, Ron?

16 MR. BELLAMY: Yes, it was.

17 PARTICIPANT: Mr. Collins, Mr. Johnson
18 should be on the bridge.

19 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Thank you.

20 Mike, good evening. This is Sam.

21 MR. JOHNSON: Hi, Sam. How are you doing?

22 MR. COLLINS: I'm doing well, thank you.

23 MR. JOHNSON: Good.

24 MR. COLLINS: I understand, Mike, you're
25 acting for Bruce, is that correct?

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1 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, that's correct.

2 MR. COLLINS: All right. Thanks for
3 coming up online. Mike, we have a number of people on
4 the line. I was just talking to Ron Bellamy, who is
5 the Branch Chief for Three Mile Island, Unit 1, which
6 is down in an outage, as you may know. We have
7 containment (inaudible) open for a steam generator
8 replacement.

9 Also on the line is Darrell Roberts, the
10 DRS Division Director, Dave Lew representing DRP, and
11 Brian McDermott with NSIR, and we have Pete Snyder
12 helping us on the HOO line.

13 And what we wanted to do, Mike, is give
14 you a rundown, which I will ask Dave, with the help of
15 Ron, to do, on the -- on an event inside containment,
16 we believe, although it has some quantification for an
17 external release. But we'll try to put that in
18 perspective during the brief.

19 We think this may primarily be a media
20 event, but it does have some personal contamination
21 and potential uptakes involved. And we're going to
22 circle back through and try to understand a couple of
23 questions we have about whether or not there is an
24 ongoing release, which we believe is not taking place,
25 but we need to clarify that, and whether or not the

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1 licensee met the unusual event criteria, which since
2 they did not declare, we are presuming at this point
3 they did not, but we want to confirm it.

4 MR. JOHNSON: Okay.

5 MR. COLLINS: So, Dave, do you want to
6 start off? And we'll let you take the lead, and you
7 can call on whoever you need to do the brief.

8 MR. LEW: Okay. Thanks. Let me go ahead
9 and give you a little back of background on where the
10 plant is, Mike. The plant is currently in an outage.
11 This is a steam generator replacement outage for
12 Three Mile Island. They do have a hole that is cut in
13 containment for the movement of the old steam
14 generators out and the new ones in. At the time of
15 the event, the small hole steam generator cutting was
16 (inaudible) or cutting out various points in the
17 reactor coolant loops to facilitate the replacement.

18 At about 1600 today, 4:00 p.m., they
19 received a number of rad monitor alarms in
20 containment. In response to those rad monitor alarms,
21 they evacuated everyone from containment. There were
22 over 100 people that were in containment working at
23 the time.

24 In response to -- in response to checking
25 folks coming out of containment, a number of people

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1 cleared the portal monitors, but there were people who
2 did not clear the portal monitors. Those folks were,
3 in fact, contaminated. They were taken to do whole
4 body counts.

5 The whole body counts would indicate
6 somewhere between 10 to 15 millirem of intake,
7 relatively low levels. But there was -- there was a
8 line that was backed up of folks trying to clear out
9 of the portal monitors.

10 The ventilation system at the time was
11 such that there was a slight air flow going out of
12 containment. The licensee secured all activities, and
13 they maximized the ventilation to minimize any air
14 flow out of containment. They did take surveys
15 outside of containment and did not identify any
16 contamination.

17 The levels that were reported in the
18 containment were -- airborne levels were up to two
19 DAC, but near the opening of the containment about
20 .2 DAC.

21 The licensee does have a team of HP techs
22 in the containment doing surveys and assessing the
23 cause of the radiological event. We are getting
24 information from external sources. The licensee has
25 -- let me say that the licensee has outreach to the

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1 state through local -- local authorities, and I
2 believe they reach out to the press as well.

3 And currently there is a local affiliate
4 of ABC at the site, was at the site this evening.
5 They may still be there at the Training Center.

6 We have also received other calls from
7 news outlets, but PAO is reaching out -- speaking with
8 one of them. We also have received a number of
9 inquiries from some of our sister agencies, and the
10 (inaudible) should have reached out to them as well to
11 provide a perspective on the events that have
12 occurred.

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20 We, at this point, have touched base with
21 our state liaison officers, reaching out to the state
22 and to others, as we were trying to look back at some
23 of the other issues. As Sam indicated, there are
24 still a number of questions, which we wanted to follow
25 up with (inaudible) the licensee online, (inaudible)

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1 on the internet, and answer any questions that you may
2 have.

3 So let me pause there, Mike, and see if
4 you have any questions.

5 MR. COLLINS: Before we do that, Ron
6 Bellamy, did you have anything else to add based on
7 your knowledge?

8 MR. BELLAMY: The only thing I would add
9 is that I did confirm with Nancy McNamara that she has
10 spoken to the state. And Javier Brand, the resident
11 inspector, is not onsite as we speak, but he is
12 available if we want him to go back. When we had John
13 White on the phone, he indicated that he was assessing
14 specialist availability to help us out tomorrow
15 onsite.

16 MR. WHITE: Yeah, this is John.

17 MR. BELLAMY: Oh, hi, John.

18 MR. WHITE: I'm on the phone now.

19 MR. BELLAMY: Thanks.

20 PARTICIPANT: Hi, John.

21 MR. WHITE: At the time, we did -- we have
22 contacted the shift RPM who is on -- who is on duty
23 tonight. He talked to Ron Nimitz, and he indicates
24 that there was no decon activity in process tonight.
25 There was -- there were -- they were doing mechanical

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1 honing of the core flood piping in preparation for a
2 welled inlay that Ron believes is probably the most
3 likely source of contamination that is down in the
4 D-ring area.

5 And he -- the RPM says that it is mostly
6 short-lived activities, which would, you know, help
7 reinforce that -- that belief. But there is nothing
8 conclusive yet.

9 The technician -- the people that came out
10 of containment, as Ron -- as Dave reported, were
11 running from about .2 to about 16 millirem. Sixteen
12 16 millirem exposure has been the highest so far, but
13 that's -- that may be internal, but it is probably
14 likely right now to be a combination of internal and
15 also external contamination. So that still needs to
16 be resolved a little bit more as the licensee
17 continues with their whole body counting process.

18 Right now, myself and Ron Nimitz are going
19 to meet at the office tomorrow morning about 9:30, and
20 we are making preparations to go to the site tomorrow.

21 MR. ROBERTS: Hey, John, let me just add
22 to that. This is Darrell Roberts. I have been
23 checking the internet. It looks like there is an
24 article from ABC News on this. It was updated about
25 10 minutes ago on their website. Radiation leak at

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1 Three Mile Island, and they quoted Diane Screnci, our
2 Public Affairs Officer, as well as a spokesman for
3 TMI, about the evacuation.

4 They reported that about 150 people that
5 were inside containment -- they said in the reactor,
6 but it was inside containment obviously -- and that
7 100 people were contaminated, although they were
8 wearing protective suits. And then they go on to
9 characterize it as not appearing to be a threat to the
10 health and safety of the public, and that as of
11 11:00 p.m the Exelon spokesman told a local radio
12 station in Harrisburg that all the workers had been
13 decontaminated by that point, as of 11:00 p.m.

14 And that's about the extent of it. Not
15 much of an article, but it does show that it has
16 already been given some press coverage here.

17 MR. COLLINS: Okay. John, have you seen
18 the press release by the licensee?

19 MR. WHITE: No, I have not.

20 MR. COLLINS: Okay. You have not? Okay.

21 All right. Is that --

22 MR. McDERMOTT: Sam, this is Brian. It is
23 -- actually, Diane put it out on e-mail.

24 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

25 PARTICIPANT: And the characterization

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1 sounds, you know -- sounds pretty good, though.

2 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

3 PARTICIPANT: It's what we understand.

4 PARTICIPANT: Yes. They specifically
5 indicate no contamination was found outside the
6 containment building. Radiological survey showed that
7 the contamination was confined to surfaces inside the
8 containment building.

9 PARTICIPANT: Yes. When Ron talked to
10 them tonight about -- in fact, just about half an hour
11 ago, you know, they were still in the process of doing
12 surveys. So, you know, this is -- it's all
13 preliminary information, because that -- you know,
14 they are still collecting data. And Ron indicated
15 that they are still counting, doing whole body counts.

16 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Ron, I have your
17 e-mail I think of 11 -- I've just opened up my
18 Blackberry here -- of 11:38.

19 MR. BELLAMY: That was a summary of what
20 we knew about an hour and a half ago or so.

21 MR. COLLINS: I have Diane's press release
22 here. I haven't opened it up yet, though. And then
23 there's the HOO highlight at 11:48.

24 So, Mike, the purpose of asking you to
25 come on the call -- and thanks for doing that late at

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1 night -- is to get a read on whether or not you
2 believe we need to do a TA brief tonight. There's an
3 AP article -- I think it was a local affiliate, but
4 I'm not sure who is going to pick it up -- if we
5 should do a TA brief tonight just to be sure that when
6 people wake up in the morning they have some -- some
7 context to put the issue in.

8 The alternative would be that we get in
9 there first thing in the morning with the latest
10 information and have a briefing in the morning, say
11 8:00 or so, and set that up ahead of time.

12 MR. JOHNSON: Yes. I was -- I was
13 thinking as we were talking. I -- I think my first
14 reaction would be, given the fact that it's showing up
15 in the news, showing up in the local -- it has gotten
16 some -- some press attention, that I would go ahead
17 with the TA brief tonight. I'm interested in your
18 thoughts on that.

19 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, that's the way I'm
20 thinking also. And that way we can at least give
21 people the information as of tonight, and then, if
22 necessary, if it changes significantly in the morning,
23 we can -- we can give another update. When we do the
24 TA brief, if we go that way, I would like I think to
25 have a public affairs officer on the line, and perhaps

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1 we will get one more update from the licensee before
2 we do it, just to be sure we have the latest
3 information.

4 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, I agree. I think
5 that's the right thing to do.

6 MR. COLLINS: Okay. And also, Dave and
7 Ron, it's my instinct that it might be good for us to
8 take a step back and decide whether or not we need
9 somebody onsite, either tonight or first -- or early
10 in the morning. I know you have some people headed
11 that way. I'm hearing John indicate that he and Ron
12 are -- are going there, and that we may -- I guess
13 Dave may be coming down from Beaver Valley.

14 MR. LEW: Yes.

15 MR. COLLINS: But I think we may need to
16 have some continuity first thing in the morning there
17 to be sure we understand the circumstances, so we can
18 keep them in perspective. If nothing else, to have a
19 source for Diane and Nancy to keep the state and the
20 -- and the media informed.

21 PARTICIPANT: I can get hold of Javier and
22 have him get there very early tomorrow morning, so
23 that he has got a full story when John and Ron and
24 Dave show up. That's easier.

25 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Perhaps what we can

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1 do, Ron, is, based on the briefing of the outage shift
2 manager, decide whether -- what the right time is for
3 him to come onsite. If they are in recovery mode and
4 there is nothing new that is occurring, perhaps we can
5 wait a while and have him come in early. But if there
6 is some connotation of ongoing activities, we might
7 need for him to go in tonight.

8 PARTICIPANT: He is willing to do that.

9 MR. COLLINS: Okay. So, Dave, are you on
10 board with that? I'm asking for your input at this
11 point.

12 MR. LEW: Yes. I'm on board with that.

13 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Mike, do you want to
14 be a party to the TA brief? We're certainly willing
15 and I believe capable of doing it without keeping you
16 up at night. We can update you in the morning, if
17 you'd like.

18 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah. Actually, I'm okay
19 with being on -- being a party to the brief.

20 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Well, let us do this,
21 Mike. And I'm asking for everyone's input here,
22 because I need -- I need the team's support. If we
23 can get Diane Screnci and the outage shift manager on
24 the line, and have the outage shift manager give us
25 the latest update, and then at that point just

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1 reconfirm what we know, be sure we don't have any more
2 questions, and then ask the HOO to set up the TA
3 briefing.

4 I guess I need Pete Snyder's help here.
5 But if we are -- (inaudible) look at a clock, but
6 we're coming up on 12:00. So if we want to give the
7 TA the heads up that we will be giving them a brief,
8 or whether or not -- just to give them a cold call, I
9 would ask, Brian, maybe you and the HOO to figure out
10 what the best way to do that is.

11 MR. McDERMOTT: Yes. I think, Sam, it
12 typically takes them about 45 minutes to an hour to
13 get hold of everybody, just to tell them what time the
14 briefing is. So if you want to target 1:00 and have
15 them get moving on that while we're having the other
16 discussion --

17 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. I think that's a good
18 recommendation, Brian. I'm on board with that. Any
19 other thoughts on that?

20 PARTICIPANT: Gentlemen, this is the
21 Headquarters Operations Officer again. I just wanted
22 to remind you that we did send that HOO highlight out
23 with some information on the TMI event also. And it
24 does go to a similar distribution as the TA brief.

25 MR. COLLINS: Okay. I'm in new territory

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1 here as far as the HOO -- the HOO highlight versus a
2 TA brief. So, Brian, can you help me with that?

3 MR. McDERMOTT: Yeah. I mean, it does go
4 to a very similar distribution, but there is no
5 guarantee they're going to see it. So if we want to
6 ensure that they are aware of what is going on before
7 the Commissioners start reading it in the newspaper
8 tomorrow, they we probably ought to reach out by phone
9 and tap them.

10 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. I'm willing to take
11 that risk. And then, if we get different direction
12 after this is over, we can -- we can take that under
13 advisement. But my instinct is to go with that,
14 Brian.

15 MR. McDERMOTT: Yes. And, Pete, am I
16 accurate in saying it's 45 minutes at least for you
17 guys to get everybody, or is that -- at this time of
18 night, is it a little easier, since we generally know
19 where people are?

20 MR. SNYDER: Yeah. It's about 45 minutes,
21 Brian. It could be a little bit less than that, but
22 generally it's not less than 30, so -- just to let you
23 know. And I will be turning over to Bill Huffman and
24 Vince Klough here.

25 MR. McDERMOTT: Okay.

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1 MR. COLLINS: Bill Huffman, and Vince, was
2 that it, Pete?

3 MR. SNYDER: Yes. Vince Klough.

4 MR. COLLINS: Okay. All right. So why
5 don't we -- why don't we go ahead and set up the TA
6 brief for -- do you want to say 1:00, Brian, just to
7 be safe?

8 MR. McDERMOTT: Yeah, I think that would
9 probably be safe, Sam.

10 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Let's do that. And
11 then, if we can get that in motion, and then, Dave, I
12 would ask you to coordinate with the HOO to get Diane
13 and probably Nancy and the outage shift manager on the
14 line. And I'd ask you to lead the -- lead the call to
15 kind of fill in the blanks, make sure we understand
16 the situation, and then we can circle back through
17 after that to decide if we need an onsite presence
18 tonight or if we want to just pick it up in the
19 morning.

20 MR. LEW: I understand. Okay. I guess --
21 is Pete still on?

22 MR. SNYDER: Yes, sir. We are still here.
23 And, again, I'm turning it over to Vince Klough at
24 this point, so Vince is listening to what you're
25 saying.

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1 MR. COLLINS: All right. So let's --
2 Pete, let us not rush you. I know those turnovers can
3 be complicated. So why don't you let us know when you
4 have turned over, and then we will -- we will pick up
5 after that. If you can -- if you can get Diane
6 Screnci and Nancy McNamara on the line during that
7 period, fine. If not, we'll hold for you.

8 MR. SNYDER: Okay. So you want Diane
9 Screnci and Mike McNamara?

10 MR. COLLINS: Sorry. That was Diane
11 Screnci, who is the Public Affairs Officer for
12 Region I.

13 MR. SNYDER: Uh-huh.

14 MR. COLLINS: And Nancy -- Nancy McNamara,
15 who is the State Liaison Officer for Region I.

16 MR. SNYDER: And Nancy McNamara. Okay.
17 And --

18 PARTICIPANT: And we also want to
19 eventually get hold of the outage shift manager at
20 TMI, Jim (inaudible). I think --

21 MR. COLLINS: Yes.

22 PARTICIPANT: -- also if he calls before.

23 MR. KLOUGH: You want that outage shift
24 manager on a separate bridge, and you can just plug
25 him in when you need him?

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1 PARTICIPANT: Yes, please.

2 MR. KLOUGH: Okay. This is Vince. I'm
3 taking over from Pete. Okay.

4 PARTICIPANT: All right. Thank you.

5 MR. COLLINS: Vince, we don't need to
6 bring that outage shift manager up quite yet. I think
7 the goal was to talk to Diane and Nancy first.

8 MR. KLOUGH: Okay.

9 MR. COLLINS: But make sure you get the
10 number from Pete before he leaves.

11 MR. KLOUGH: For the outage shift manager?
12 I have that in front of me right now.

13 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Thanks.

14 MR. KLOUGH: Okay.

15 MR. COLLINS: Hey, Dave, are you all set
16 on the -- Dave Lew, are you set on the question line
17 with the outage shift manager?

18 MR. LEW: Yes, I am set with the question
19 line with the shift manager.

20 MR. COLLINS: Okay. And I think for the
21 -- let's be sure we have the right people for the
22 1:00. I don't want to keep everybody on the line
23 unless it's necessary. So, Dave, would you want Ron
24 on the briefing for 1:00?

25 MR. BELLAMY: I'm on now and available.

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1 MR. LEW: I think at this point I probably
2 will have enough to do it myself at the 1:00. Ron is
3 going to be trying to get (inaudible) the phone in the
4 morning while they're trying to get an assessment of
5 the issue.

6 MR. COLLINS: Okay. So, Ron, it sounds
7 like it's your call on the brief. If you stay online
8 for the outage shift manager, then you'll have the
9 latest information.

10 MR. BELLAMY: I'll stay online for the
11 outage shift manager, and then sign off and be ready
12 to, based on that, decide --

13 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Mike, you are --

14 MR. BELLAMY: -- what we want Javier to
15 do.

16 MR. COLLINS: All right. Thank you.

17 Mike Johnson, you're in for the duration
18 at your option?

19 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, uh-huh. Yes.

20 MR. COLLINS: All right. And, Darrell,
21 either you or John probably would need to represent
22 DRS?

23 MR. ROBERTS: Yeah. John, I can do it.
24 You're going to be going into the office at 9:00 in
25 the morning?

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1 MR. WHITE: Yeah. I told Ron I'd meet him
2 there at 9:30 tomorrow morning.

3 MR. ROBERTS: Okay. So I can cover this
4 -- I can cover this call. Or do you think it would be
5 better for continuity for you to cover this call and
6 handle the 9:30 affair?

7 MR. WHITE: I'll --

8 MR. ROBERTS: Whichever you think is best.

9 MR. WHITE: I'll tell you what. Why don't
10 you handle the call, and you can, you know, brief me
11 sometime tomorrow morning.

12 MR. ROBERTS: All right. We'll do --
13 we'll do that.

14 MR. WHITE: I just -- I don't think there
15 is going to be any new information exchanged, but, you
16 know, I think that will work for us, and then I'll
17 touch base with you before Ron and I actually leave
18 the office.

19 MR. ROBERTS: Okay. I've got it for DRS.

20 MR. WHITE: All right. Thank you.

21 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Thank you. Thank
22 you, John.

23 MR. WHITE: Thank you.

24 MS. McNAMARA: Sam, Nancy McNamara is on
25 the phone.

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1 MR. COLLINS: Hey, Nancy.

2 MS. McNAMARA: Hi, Sam.

3 MS. SCRENCI: Diane is on the phone, too.

4 MR. COLLINS: I guess it's good morning.

5 (Laughter.)

6 MS. FRAY: This is Yvonne Fray on the
7 phone. Diane, are you taking the lead on this?

8 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

9 MS. FRAY: Okay. Because I didn't get a
10 call from Ops; I just got an e-mail. So do you want
11 to brief me afterwards?

12 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

13 MS. FRAY: Okay, thanks.

14 PARTICIPANT: This is the Operations
15 Officer. The TMI shift outage manager is at this
16 moment remediating the situation at this time. Do you
17 want me to remove him from his work activities at TMI
18 to place him on this particular conference call?

19 MR. COLLINS: Dave, my instinct is to say
20 no.

21 MR. LEW: Yes, I agree.

22 MR. COLLINS: And that we -- we do the TA
23 brief based on what we know.

24 MR. LEW: Okay.

25 MR. COLLINS: And then, what we may need

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1 to do is circle back to that individual before we all
2 get off the line to be sure we have it right.

3 PARTICIPANT: Yes. That sounds like a
4 good idea.

5 PARTICIPANT: Do we have a sense of when
6 the shift outage manager will be available, Vince?

7 MR. KLOUGH: I don't know. I'm going to
8 find that out and have them contact me. I'm going to
9 have them roust me up after he finishes his -- his
10 priority items at this time.

11 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Was that Vince who
12 was speaking? I'm sorry. Was that Vince Klough?

13 MR. KLOUGH: This is Vince Klough.

14 MR. COLLINS: Vince, if you're speaking to
15 the outage shift manager, I think what we would like
16 to do, if possible, is to have an update prior to
17 1:00.

18 MR. KLOUGH: I will do the best I can,
19 sir.

20 MR. COLLINS: If he's available for that,
21 fine. If he's not, then we don't want to interrupt
22 his activities, because they are more pressing
23 clearly.

24 MR. KLOUGH: I understand. I will keep
25 you all posted.

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1 MR. COLLINS: So, Nancy and Diane --

2 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

3 MS. McNAMARA: Yes.

4 MR. COLLINS: -- what we are doing -- and
5 we have a number of people on the line -- we have
6 Darrell Roberts and Dave Lew, Mike Johnson is on the
7 line, and Mike is acting for Bruce Mallet as DEDR,
8 myself. We had John White on the line earlier, and he
9 gave us his insights. And we are --

10 MR. WHITE: I'm still here.

11 MR. COLLINS: I'm sorry?

12 MR. WHITE: I'm still here.

13 MR. COLLINS: Oh, John. Thank you.

14 Okay. And what we have determined with
15 Mike -- and Brian McDermott is on the line, too. I'm
16 sorry, Brian.

17 MR. BELLAMY: And I'm still here. This is
18 Ron.

19 MR. COLLINS: Okay. And Ron, thank you.

20 What we have determined is that it would
21 be appropriate for us to do a technical assistance
22 brief this evening on this event, and that's being
23 lined up for approximately 1:00 a.m.

24 The purpose of that is to be sure that the
25 assistants, and, therefore, the Commissioners are

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1 aware of what occurred before they get questioning in
2 the morning, or they read about it in the morning, so
3 that they have some perspective and context for the
4 event.

5 We are pretty current up until perhaps a
6 couple hours ago, and we have a couple of questions
7 for the licensee to be sure we have it in perspective.

8 We want to be sure there's not an ongoing release
9 inside containment. And then, we had a question about
10 unusual event criteria, and then we just wanted an
11 update from the shift manager to be sure that we
12 ourselves are in the right response mode within the
13 NRC. And then, we will make a determination on the
14 appropriate follow-up for first thing in the morning.

15 Part of that, Diane, is to prepare the
16 agency for any questions that we may get first thing
17 in the morning.

18 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah, we're already getting
19 them, Sam.

20 MR. COLLINS: That's what I heard, yeah.

21 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah. I talked to a TV
22 station and to ABC Radio.

23 MR. COLLINS: ABC Radio.

24 MS. SCRENCI: I talked to the --
25 apparently, they run -- and I could be mistaken about

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1 this, but I think they run one desk on like a Saturday
2 night. And he gathers the information, and then
3 either gives it to TV or radio, and radio makes sense
4 because they will record it. And so I did a recorded
5 interview with ABC Radio, and I think they will
6 probably just send it out to their affiliates.

7 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

8 MS. SCRENCI: The ABC TV affiliate in
9 Harrisburg interviewed Ralph DeSantis at the site this
10 evening, and wrote a story that is not quite true, and
11 Exelon is working to get it fixed. The headline and
12 the first sentence says there was a radiation leak at
13 Three Mile Island on Saturday afternoon.

14 You know, it goes on to say that it was
15 inside the containment building, and there wasn't any
16 danger to the public. But it sounds different from
17 what it -- what it seems to be.

18 MR. COLLINS: Okay. All right. Well,
19 that's important to know --

20 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

21 MR. COLLINS: -- what we may get in the
22 morning I guess.

23 MS. SCRENCI: There was --

24 MR. COLLINS: Now, there is --

25 MS. SCRENCI: We had -- I'm sorry.

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1 MR. COLLINS: No, go ahead.

2 MS. SCRENCI: We had a conversation
3 earlier about the fact that workers are lined up to go
4 through the whole body counters, and decided that they
5 would have their cell phones. And they are making
6 calls, because that's how WGAL-TV, which was the
7 second reporter that I talked to, that's how they
8 learned of it, somebody called them from the site and
9 said that they were waiting in line to leave, and, you
10 know, couldn't leave because of this radiation thing.

11 MR. COLLINS: (Inaudible.)

12 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

13 MR. COLLINS: And, Diane, have you read
14 the press release?

15 MS. SCRENCI: Yes. I --

16 MR. COLLINS: Is that fairly accurate?

17 MS. SCRENCI: Excuse me?

18 MR. COLLINS: Is that fairly accurate?

19 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah, it is. I can send
20 that to you. I sent it to everybody that -- that Ron
21 -- that Ron had sent his e-mail to, and I didn't check
22 carefully to see whether you were on that, Sam.

23 MR. COLLINS: I do think I have it, Diane.

24 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

25 MR. COLLINS: I'm just checking my

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1 Blackberry now.

2 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah, it looks fine. And I
3 have since talked to Exelon and told them that the --
4 that the only additional information that I had was
5 that we were going to send a radiation specialist
6 there tomorrow, which I have told the reporters.

7 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Is it your sense that
8 we should have -- or should we have some type of
9 special outreach or press briefing first thing in the
10 morning?

11 MS. SCRENCI: I'm not thinking first thing
12 in the morning, but we might want to do it, you know,
13 after John is there, and just do -- kind of do it by
14 phone.

15 MR. COLLINS: That would be to put the
16 issue in context?

17 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

18 MR. COLLINS: All right. And that would
19 be --

20 MS. SCRENCI: And you know what? I'm
21 trying to think whether it would be better if we just
22 tried to do it standing there outside rather than by
23 phone?

24 MR. COLLINS: That's what I'm wondering.
25 Yeah. You mean outside at the site?

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1 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah. You know, they
2 usually go out to where the old checkpoint used to be,
3 and they stand there and do it.

4 MR. COLLINS: Right.

5 MS. SCRENCI: And, you know, or we could
6 go across the street where the old information center
7 was, and just do it outside, because it's supposed to
8 be as nice tomorrow as it was today I think.

9 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. My -- my sense is a
10 presence at the site is going to be important to --

11 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah.

12 MR. COLLINS: -- the site and to keep
13 things in perspective.

14 MS. SCRENCI: Uh-huh.

15 MR. COLLINS: And I guess if we did that,
16 we would clearly want to be sure that the
17 Commonwealth's representatives knew about that.

18 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

19 MR. COLLINS: Whether or not they wanted
20 to play a part is up to them, but you want to be sure
21 that they were aware.

22 MS. SCRENCI: You know, it's a Sunday, so
23 we could probably do it mid-afternoon, if we wanted to
24 do that. Like I don't think we need to do it at 8:00
25 in the morning --

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1 MR. COLLINS: Right.

2 MS. SCRENCI: -- is my point, because
3 there is -- there is really not a new news tomorrow.

4 MR. COLLINS: Uh-huh.

5 MS. SCRENCI: So, you know, if we wanted
6 to do it, give people a chance to get there, learn
7 some stuff, come out and say -- you know, probably not
8 a whole lot different than what we're already saying.
9 But, you know, we've been here, we've looked at, you
10 know, our initial assessment is this.

11 MR. COLLINS: All right. Okay.

12 MS. SCRENCI: But that may not be a bad
13 idea.

14 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Yeah, my -- yeah, I
15 think that's probably the right way to go. It may or
16 may not be necessary. But I think as far as keeping
17 it in perspective and (inaudible).

18 MR. HUFFMAN: This is --

19 MR. COLLINS: Very good.

20 MR. HUFFMAN: Sorry to interrupt. This is
21 Bill Huffman in the Operations Center. I've got DOE
22 Public Affairs on the line, Diane, and he says that he
23 and also Homeland Security are getting a lot of media
24 inquiries -- she didn't quantify "a lot" -- and wanted
25 to know how that they should be directing these media

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1 inquiries.

2 MS. SCRENCI: Okay. I guess I can take
3 that on another line.

4 MR. HUFFMAN: No. He's not asking to talk
5 to you directly. He just wants to know how he should
6 refer them out --

7 MS. SCRENCI: Oh.

8 MR. HUFFMAN: -- when they come in.

9 MS. SCRENCI: If he referred them to you
10 guys, you guys could give them to me.

11 MR. HUFFMAN: All right. So just --

12 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

13 MR. HUFFMAN: -- continue on
14 transferring --

15 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah.

16 MR. HUFFMAN: -- them to you after they
17 come into us.

18 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah, please.

19 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. All right. Didn't
20 know if you wanted us to have them referred to you
21 directly. Thank you.

22 MR. COLLINS: Thanks, Bill.

23 Diane, I heard DHS. What was the first
24 organization --

25 MS. SCRENCI: DOE.

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1 MR. COLLINS: -- you were --

2 MS. SCRENCI: DOE.

3 MR. COLLINS: Okay. DOE, okay. All
4 right. All right. Got it.

5 MS. SCRENCI: My only other thing, there
6 was an e-mail from Dave Allard that didn't seem to be
7 quite right. He also refers to a radiation leak.

8 MS. McNAMARA: Yes. Dave and I have
9 talked, Diane, and he has got all the facts now. They
10 were notified at 9:30, and by the time I talked to him
11 he had had -- basically gotten some of the things
12 straightened out, and I straightened out some of the
13 other things.

14 MS. SCRENCI: Good.

15 MS. McNAMARA: He also, Sam, briefed the
16 governor's officer.

17 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

18 MS. McNAMARA: A little concerned about
19 the timeliness of receiving the information from the
20 licensee.

21 MR. COLLINS: Uh-huh. Yeah, I understand
22 that.

23 MS. McNAMARA: Yeah. Just to let you know
24 that.

25 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. I think we're going

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1 to have to circle back to that, you know, once we take
2 care of the immediate issues in front of us here.

3 Okay. Anything else, Diane, on your part?

4 MS. SCRENCI: I don't think so.

5 MR. COLLINS: Okay. As far as preparation
6 for tomorrow, what's the best way for you to stay up
7 to speed or get up to speed? Do you want to
8 coordinate with John and Ron Nimitz on their trip
9 there tomorrow morning? What is --

10 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah.

11 MR. COLLINS: -- best way to make it
12 happen?

13 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah. I could talk to John
14 tomorrow when they're on their way.

15 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

16 MR. WHITE: We're planning to leave around
17 9:30 tomorrow morning, unless you think we should
18 leave earlier.

19 MS. SCRENCI: You're not asking me that
20 question, are you?

21 MR. WHITE: No.

22 MR. BELLAMY: John White, this is Ron.
23 I'm going to get hold of Javier, and I'll have him --
24 I'll have him there earlier. So if there was
25 anything, he could get hold of you, and at least

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1 you'll have some information when you get there from
2 him. So I would think 9:30 is fine.

3 MR. COLLINS: All right. Diane, I'm
4 relying a little bit on you to let us know when you
5 think the greatest demand would be. If -- if you're
6 going to be fielding questions and answers, and that
7 is going to be sufficient in the morning until we get
8 to the site and can get the information and make a
9 statement, or whatever forum you see is appropriate
10 there, then that's okay. If you think we need to be
11 there earlier because of the pent-up demand, I'm just
12 -- I don't know the press cycles there as well as you
13 do.

14 MS. SCRENCI: Yes, because what I think is
15 going to happen is it's -- it's going to die off this
16 evening, probably not very long from now, but then
17 pick up again as people start to go into work in the
18 morning and see the stories that are on the TV station
19 websites. And my guess is the Associated Press will
20 pick this up, because of the press release that Exelon
21 put out at 11:30. So it may well be that we're
22 getting calls early.

23 MR. COLLINS: Okay. So do you intend to
24 go to the site, or do you want to field that from the
25 region, or what is your -- what is your --

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1 MS. SCRENCI: My -- you know, originally,
2 I intended to -- to just take this from here. But if
3 we're -- if we're going to be available to reporters
4 at a specific time, then I would go out there.

5 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Yeah, my thought is
6 we might -- and, again, I'm asking for your input, but
7 my thought is that if we're going to be available for
8 reporters onsite, then it would be good for you to be
9 there --

10 MS. SCRENCI: Oh, yeah.

11 MR. COLLINS: -- because I know --
12 (inaudible) in the press briefing like we do on the
13 phone, have everybody call in?

14 MS. SCRENCI: Right.

15 MR. COLLINS: And we could do that
16 anywhere. But it being -- it being Three Mile Island,
17 I guess my mind goes to having a presence onsite.

18 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah. You know, the TV
19 station that I talked to already asked me if we were
20 going to have somebody available tomorrow, and I told
21 her I didn't think -- you know, I didn't think so,
22 which is the right thing to say tonight, because, you
23 know --

24 MR. COLLINS: Right.

25 MS. SCRENCI: But I do think that the TV

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1 stations are going to be looking for someone tomorrow.
2 And the Harrisburg stations are comfortable just
3 talking to Ralph DeSantis. They are used to him. But
4 like when I talked to -- when I talked to ABC Radio,
5 they -- you know, they were doing things like, "Well,
6 you know, we still don't think we can trust that
7 company."

8 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. Yeah. Well, you
9 know, I think an onsite presence would be important
10 for a lot of reasons there. It gets to that point.

11 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah. You know, I have
12 talked to --

13 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

14 MS. SCRENCI: -- the two reporters about
15 sending a specialist there, so we can have our
16 specialist talk to their specialist to get them -- you
17 know, we have a full understanding of what they know.
18 But, you know, standing outside does -- you know,
19 we're really there.

20 MR. COLLINS: Okay. So I guess what I'm
21 hearing is that -- that you believe it would be best
22 to go to the site. And would you arrange for the
23 briefing in coordination with Exelon?

24 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

25 MR. COLLINS: In the morning and make

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1 those calls?

2 MS. SCRENCI: Yes. Yeah, you know, I
3 could probably call her now.

4 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

5 MS. SCRENCI: I just got off the phone
6 with her before the Ops Center called and said that
7 you wanted me on the phone.

8 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Yeah, and again, I
9 don't think we need to be up there holding Exelon's
10 hand. If they want to make their own statements,
11 that's fine. I think the NRC needs to stand on its
12 own here, and make sure that, you know, we give the
13 perspective as the regulator.

14 MS. SCRENCI: Uh-huh.

15 MR. COLLINS: And that would be probably
16 put on and/or Ron and you. Are you okay with that?

17 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

18 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

19 MS. McNAMARA: And, Diane, if you can keep
20 me in loop on that, I can keep the state in loop on
21 that.

22 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

23 MS. McNAMARA: For what time we are going
24 to do that.

25 MR. COLLINS: All right. So -- okay. So

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1 let me just confirm. Ron, are you -- Ron Bellamy, are
2 you okay with that approach?

3 MR. BELLAMY: Yep. And I'm going to get
4 hold of Javier now and make sure he is available to go
5 in early.

6 MR. COLLINS: Okay. So he can be
7 expecting perhaps either a call from John and Ron on
8 their way, or Diane as they get to the site to get him
9 up to speed on where we are.

10 MR. BELLAMY: Understood.

11 MR. COLLINS: And then, Diane, you can --
12 you can tell him -- the resident about the best way
13 for you all to meet somewhere to transfer the
14 information and -- and set up the brief. And if you
15 need the resident there, that's fine, too. I mean, he
16 is the onsite person. So you decide the forum.

17 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

18 MR. COLLINS: And we can go from there.
19 And I think it might be best, Dave, if perhaps maybe
20 you and I be -- or at least one of us -- and I'm
21 willing to do it -- be in the office in the morning.
22 We may want to set up a bridge call, or at least use
23 the IRC to coordinate where we are. It might not be
24 for very long, but I would feel better if we -- if we
25 had that. And if we needed to keep Mike or the TAS

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1 appraised of where we are, and we can use the
2 communications in the office to do it.

3 MR. LEW: Yes. I was planning on being in
4 the office tomorrow, so I'll be there.

5 MR. COLLINS: Okay. We're going to be
6 talking again tonight, of course. But just to put in
7 place, I'll plan on being there in the morning, too.

8 And then, Ron, if you can help us
9 understand where we are with -- you know, with flight
10 coverage for the -- flight coverage for the outage, we
11 can probably wait until the morning for that. But
12 it's going to impact the resident's schedule, so --

13 MR. BELLAMY: Understood.

14 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

15 MR. JOHNSON: And this is Mike. Brian,
16 just a question. Who is on -- who will be on the TA
17 call from the Commission offices? How is that
18 typically done?

19 MR. McDERMOTT: We will reach out to the
20 technical assistants. They also reach out to OCA for
21 those calls. But it's not -- it's not the principals
22 in the Commission office.

23 MR. JOHNSON: Right. And I'm just
24 thinking about, one principal, the Chairman in this
25 case, primarily from the perspective of the fact that

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1 we've gotten calls or are getting calls of interest
2 from other federal agencies. And I'm just wondering
3 whether it wouldn't be prudent also to have at least
4 the Chairman on that TA call. Is that typically done,
5 or not?

6 MR. McDERMOTT: Oh, yeah, it certainly can
7 be done. We can always get hold of him.

8 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah.

9 MR. COLLINS: Mike, perhaps what we can do
10 is find out who the lead is for the Chairman's office,
11 and then advise them that we're getting that type of
12 information and ask for their input on that.

13 MR. JOHNSON: That would be fine. That
14 would be fine with me.

15 MR. COLLINS: And then the other -- Mike,
16 and I appreciate your pursuing this -- and, Brian, you
17 can help us with this, whether or not we need to be
18 proactive with DOE and DHS and tell them what's going
19 on. That can be a separate briefing if it needs to
20 be.

21 MR. McDERMOTT: Yes. And we went back out
22 very quickly after we had the initial call and had Ron
23 and John, as well as Javier, give us some more details
24 on what was going on. So we -- we reached back out to
25 the other ops centers and let them know that NRC was

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1 aware of the event at Three Mile Island, that the
2 event did not pose a significant threat to the health
3 of the workers or any offsite threat, and that we were
4 going to continue to follow-up on it.

5 MR. HUFFMAN: Brian, this is Bill Huffman
6 again. Sorry to interrupt you guys again. The Chief
7 of Staff of DOE, Mr. Rod O'Connor, is apparently
8 holding. How do you want us to place that call? Does
9 anyone know this individual? I don't, but --

10 MR. McDERMOTT: No. I don't know him,
11 Bill, but can you --

12 MR. HUFFMAN: We can handle it, if you
13 want us to handle it. But --

14 MR. McDERMOTT: No, that's fine. If you
15 can just put me out on a separate bridge.

16 MR. HUFFMAN: I will. I'll pull you out.
17 I'll you over to the management bridge, Brian, and
18 I'll put him on with --

19 MR. McDERMOTT: Okay.

20 MR. COLLINS: Brian, do you want me on
21 that bridge with you, or are you okay?

22 MR. McDERMOTT: I'm fine with him, Sam,
23 but if you'd like to come over that would -- certainly
24 wouldn't mind the support.

25 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

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1 MR. McDERMOTT: Go up -- Brian, would you
2 do a star zero so I can find you?

3 MR. HUFFMAN: Will do.

4 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Dave Lew, are you on
5 the line?

6 MR. LEW: Yes, I am.

7 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Dave, if for some
8 reason I need to join that bridge, then why don't you
9 keep us in motion. I think what we're trying to do is
10 we're waiting for the TA brief, if you would just
11 confirm who needs to be on that.

12 I guess -- I'm not -- I know Nancy joined
13 us. I'm not sure Nancy needs to be up tonight for the
14 TA brief, if we have all of the information from her.

15 But if I have to join that brief with Brian, then, if
16 you would pursue getting the latest information from
17 the licensee, and then just be prepared, between you
18 and Darrell, to brief the TAs.

19 MR. LEW: Yes.

20 MR. COLLINS: I'll rejoin you if I have to
21 split off.

22 MR. LEW: Yes. Who was that individual
23 again? I didn't catch it. Chief of Staff of --

24 MR. COLLINS: DOE is what I heard.

25 MR. LEW: -- of DOE, and -- well, we

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1 didn't get the name, did we? Did we get the name?

2 MR. COLLINS: I did not get the name.

3 MR. LEW: Okay. I'll catch up with that
4 later.

5 MR. COLLINS: Okay. I wouldn't --

6 MR. LEW: Yeah, I understand. We'll
7 proceed. We'll proceed with getting information from
8 the licensee, and I'll talk with Nancy to see if she
9 needs to stay -- be here on this call.

10 MR. COLLINS: Okay. And we'll get some
11 feedback from Brian once he gets back on the call, if
12 I don't join him.

13 MR. LEW: Thanks.

14 MR. COLLINS: Thank you. If this gets too
15 many more legs on it, we're probably going to be in
16 here tonight. Don't lose sight of the -- of the
17 safety issues, though, Dave, the health and safety
18 issues while we wrestle with everything else going on
19 here.

20 MR. WHITE: Sam, this is John. If you
21 don't mind, I'm going to drop off, and I'll touch base
22 with Ron and Diane first thing tomorrow morning.

23 MR. COLLINS: Okay, John. Yeah. It would
24 be important I think for Diane -- for us to understand
25 any potential health effects or any -- any way to

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1 explain any potential health effects or not.

2 MR. WHITE: Right. I understand that.

3 MR. COLLINS: So that we can keep it in
4 perspective.

5 MR. WHITE: Right.

6 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Diane, are you okay
7 with that?

8 (No response.)

9 I think we lost Diane. Okay. All right,
10 John. Thanks.

11 MS. SCRENCI: I had my phone muted.

12 MR. COLLINS: Are you okay with that,
13 Diane?

14 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

15 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

16 MR. WHITE: Yeah, I'll talk to you
17 tomorrow morning, Diane.

18 MS. SCRENCI: All right, John.

19 MR. WHITE: Take care.

20 MR. COLLINS: Thanks, John.

21 MR. LEW: Nancy, are you still on the
22 line?

23 MS. McNAMARA: Yes, I am, Dave.

24 MR. LEW: Nancy -- Nancy, I guess, did you
25 ever reach out to OCA or that was -- going to call the

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1 HOO to --

2 MS. McNAMARA: Yes. The HOO was going to
3 reach out to OCA. I reached out to PEMA, Region III,
4 regional headquarters.

5 MR. LEW: Right. Okay.

6 MS. McNAMARA: And to PEMA. Well,
7 actually, that fell out of Dave Allard.

8 MR. LEW: All right. Thanks. Is there
9 anything else, Nancy, for us?

10 MS. McNAMARA: No, that's -- that's all I
11 would have.

12 I guess, Diane, do you know if Dave Allard
13 was on that press release -- the cc of that press
14 release?

15 MS. SCRENCI: Hang on a second. I'll
16 look. I don't know that I have a distribution list,
17 but wait a minute.

18 MS. McNAMARA: Okay.

19 TMI-32

20 PARTICIPANT: This is the NRC Operations
21 Center. This is a recorded line. How may I help you?

22 MS. BABIC: Hi. My name is Carrie Babic.
23 I'm calling from WGAL-TV in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

24 PARTICIPANT: Yes, ma'am.

25 MS. BABIC: We had heard that there was a

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1 reactor leak today at TMI. Is there anyone that can
2 give us any confirmation and any information on that?

3 PARTICIPANT: I will -- can I get your
4 name again?

5 MS. BABIC: Yes. Carrie Babic.

6 PARTICIPANT: And B-A-B-I-C-K?

7 MS. BABIC: B-A-B-I-C. Pretty close.

8 PARTICIPANT: Oh, darn it. I tried to
9 give you an extra letter.

10 MS. BABIC: You did.

11 PARTICIPANT: Okay. And what is your
12 phone number?

13 MS. BABIC: It is (b)(6)

14 PARTICIPANT: Right.

15 MS. BABIC: (b)(6)

16 PARTICIPANT: Right.

17 MS. BABIC: (b)(6)

18 PARTICIPANT: Okay. And you said you were
19 in Lancaster?

20 MS. BABIC: Yes.

21 PARTICIPANT: Yes. Okay. What I'll do is
22 I'll get hold of Region I Public Affairs and give your
23 information over to her, and she will probably call
24 you back here very shortly.

25 MS. BABIC: Great. Thank you so much.

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1 PARTICIPANT: You are more than welcome.

2 MS. BABIC: Okay. Have a good night.

3 PARTICIPANT: You as well. Thanks.

4 MS. BABIC: Thank you. Bye.

5 PARTICIPANT: Bye.

6 TMI-33

7 PARTICIPANT: Really? It's not like she's
8 got to know.

9 PARTICIPANT: Her job is to know.

10 PARTICIPANT: I understand that. Hello?
11 Diane?

12 MS. SCRENCI: Hello?

13 PARTICIPANT: Yeah, Diane?

14 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

15 PARTICIPANT: I have two things now.

16 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

17 PARTICIPANT: Okay. One, Carrie Babic,
18 WGAL-TV, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

19 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

20 PARTICIPANT: It's area code

(b)(6)

21 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

22 PARTICIPANT: And I also have -- what's
23 her name?

24 PARTICIPANT: Beth Archer.

25 PARTICIPANT: Beth -- I have Beth Archer

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1 from Exelon on the line right now.

2 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

3 PARTICIPANT: I guess the best way is --

4 PARTICIPANT: Have her hang up and then
5 I'll just transfer it --

6 PARTICIPANT: Do you want to put them on
7 the bridge?

8 PARTICIPANT: (Inaudible.)

9 PARTICIPANT: Is the bridge okay?

10 MS. SCRENCI: Oh, that's fine.

11 PARTICIPANT: Okay. I'll transfer you to
12 the bridge.

13 MS. SCRENCI: Thanks.

14 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Thanks.

15 TMI-34_1

16 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center,
17 recorded line. Can I help you?

18 MS. ARCHER: Yes, hi. Could you connect
19 me to Region I Public Affairs? I think it's Diane
20 Screnci who is on --

21 PARTICIPANT: Who is this?

22 MS. SCRENCI: It's Beth Archer with
23 Exelon.

24 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Beth, yes, she's at
25 home. What I'll -- could you give me her -- your

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1 number and I'll call her and have her call you right
2 back?

3 MS. ARCHER: That's okay then. Never
4 mind. I'll try her on e-mail.

5 PARTICIPANT: Well, is it -- why can't we
6 do that? All right. Hold on. Hold on one second.
7 I'll try transferring you. I just don't know if she's
8 up or not.

9 MS. ARCHER: Okay.

10 PARTICIPANT: Hold on.

11 I've got Beth Archer at Exelon. Can you
12 give me Diane's number, anybody got it? Is he talking
13 to Diane right now? Yeah, don't -- do not hang up,
14 Howard.

15 Okay. Just hold on, Beth, please.

16 MS. ARCHER: Okay.

17 PARTICIPANT: I've got Beth Archer from
18 Exelon on the line. Have her hang up. I'll transfer
19 her. I'll just transfer her directly. She wants to
20 be on the bridge.

21 I'm going to put you up on an NRC bridge,
22 because we're having a little connection problem here.
23 Is that okay, Beth?

24 MS. ARCHER: Yes, sure. No problem.

25 PARTICIPANT: Okay. I'm going to transfer

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1 you. Just follow the prompts.

2 MS. ARCHER: Okay.

3 TMI-34_2

4 PARTICIPANT: Diane?

5 MS. SCRENCI: Hello?

6 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. Hi. Is this Diane?

7 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

8 MS. ARCHER: No, this is Beth.

9 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Diane, real quick,
10 Beth is up there?

11 MS. ARCHER: Yes.

12 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Diane, real quick,
13 when do you want me to stop the calls with media
14 interest?

15 MS. SCRENCI: Not for a while.

16 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Not for a while, aye?

17 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

18 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Because we're doing a
19 turnover, and I want to make sure my guys understand
20 when the quit time is.

21 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

22 PARTICIPANT: All right.

23 MS. SCRENCI: Thanks.

24 PARTICIPANT: All right. Here you go.

25 MS. SCRENCI: Hi, Beth.

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1 MS. ARCHER: Hey, I'm so sorry. I just --
2 are you guys planning a news release?

3 MS. SCRENCI: No.

4 MS. ARCHER: Okay.

5 MS. SCRENCI: I have -- wait a minute. My
6 kids are asleep. I have talked to -- I talked to ABC
7 Radio in New York, and then there's a call from WGAL
8 waiting for me. I just expect there to be more. And
9 the only thing that I'm saying that is not in yours is
10 that we are going to send a radiation specialist there
11 tomorrow.

12 MS. ARCHER: Okay. Sending rad specialist
13 tomorrow.

14 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah.

15 MS. ARCHER: Okay.

16 MS. SCRENCI: You know, so that our
17 specialist can talk to your specialist.

18 MS. ARCHER: And they can all be
19 specialized.

20 MS. SCRENCI: Uh-huh.

21 MS. ARCHER: Okay. ABC Radio in New York,
22 WGAL. I just want to let you know ABC-27 has a
23 headline that would attract. The headline says
24 there's a radiation leak at Three Mile Island, and
25 that's -- we called them to tell them that's an

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1 incorrect headline, so --

2 MS. SCRENCI: Isn't that who you did the
3 interview with?

4 MS. ARCHER: Yeah, it is. And the rest of
5 the story was fine. I don't know if they just
6 decided, oh, that sounds good, you know, that's
7 catchy. But the rest of the text was fine, so --

8 MS. SCRENCI: That's what I was just
9 looking for when the Ops Center called, that web page.
10 Ah, there it is. Okay.

11 MS. ARCHER: All right. So we called to
12 get it corrected, but I just wanted to make sure that
13 you had seen it. So --

14 MS. SCRENCI: Yes, it's still there.
15 Okay. I hope to, you know --

16 MS. ARCHER: Well, their whole first
17 sentence was there is a radiation leak at Three Mile
18 Island this afternoon.

19 MS. SCRENCI: Right. And after that it
20 wasn't --

21 MS. ARCHER: Yeah, it was fine.

22 MS. SCRENCI: Okay. Do you have my cell
23 phone if you need me?

24 MS. ARCHER: I don't. Hang on a sec.

25 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

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1 TMI-35

2 PARTICIPANT: I'm calling the outage shift
3 manager.

4 MR. GOLDMAN: OCC, Jeff Goldman.

5 PARTICIPANT: Hello. Is this the TMI
6 outage shift manager? This is the U.S. Nuclear
7 Regulatory Commission Operations Center.

8 MR. GOLDMAN: The on-shift manager would
9 be -- can be reached at 8070 in the main control room.

10 PARTICIPANT: Hold on, sir. You're fading
11 in. Come again?

12 MR. GOLDMAN: Yeah, hold on a second. I
13 want to pick up a direct head set. I've got -- okay.
14 Can you hear me better?

15 PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

16 MR. GOLDMAN: Yeah. Now, this is not the
17 on-shift manager. This is the outage control center.

18 PARTICIPANT: Yes. This is the shift
19 outage manager, is that correct?

20 MR. GOLDMAN: Yes. Yeah, I'm speaking for
21 him, that's right.

22 PARTICIPANT: Okay. The NRC management
23 would like to speak to the shift outage manager for
24 TMI.

25 MR. GOLDMAN: Okay. The shift outage

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1 manager for TM -- does that need to be me? He's in a
2 phone call, he's in a conference call right now.

3 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. I'm going to place
4 you in --

5 MR. GOLDMAN: Should I pull him out? I'm
6 not the shift outage manager. He's on another
7 conference call right now. Should I pull him out of
8 that?

9 PARTICIPANT: Is he -- is he remediating
10 the issue at this moment?

11 MR. GOLDMAN: That is correct.

12 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Let me ask, can you
13 -- hold on right there, okay, sir?

14 MR. GOLDMAN: Yes.

15 PARTICIPANT: I'm going to put you on
16 mute.

17 TMI-35_1

18 PARTICIPANT: You know, I could probably
19 call her now. I just got off the phone with her
20 before the outage center called and said that he
21 wanted me on the (inaudible).

22 PARTICIPANT: And, again, I don't --
23 (Phone ringing.)

24 PARTICIPANT: Hello?

25 MR. KLOUGH: Thomas Lipscomb. Hey, I'm

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1 sorry I'm having to call you up so late. This is
2 Vince with the NRC Operations Center, recorded line.

3 We have had a public interest event at
4 TMI, and we have our senior managers all on a bridge
5 right now. They requested the TA assistants bridge
6 briefing at 1:00 this morning.

7 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Who is this?

8 MR. KLOUGH: This is Vince, Vince Klough
9 at the NRC Operations Center.

10 PARTICIPANT: Oh, okay. You're in the Ops
11 Center.

12 MR. KLOUGH: I'm in the Ops Center.

13 PARTICIPANT: 1:00? They'll call me or --

14 MR. KLOUGH: No. If you'd call us up or
15 -- we're calling up all of the other TAs, and we'll --

16 PARTICIPANT: You want me to call in at
17 1:00?

18 MR. KLOUGH: Yeah. And we're going to put
19 you on the --

20 PARTICIPANT: Okay. And 51 (inaudible)?

21 MR. KLOUGH: Yeah.

22 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

23 MR. KLOUGH: And we'll put you on a -- on
24 the Commissioner assistants briefing bridge with
25 everyone else, and we'll provide you all a briefing.

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1 So this is -- got the time going right now.

2 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Thanks. Okay, sir.

3 MR. KLOUGH: Bye.

4 TMI-35_2

5 PARTICIPANT: I'm getting her right now.

6 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center. This
7 is a recorded line. How may I help you?

8 (Dial tone followed by a busy signal.)

9 MR. KLOUGH: Okay. Yes, this is Vince.
10 I'm taking over for Pete.

11 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. Pete, did you just
12 hit the call button?

13 MR. SNYDER: No, I didn't call --

14 PARTICIPANT: To who?

15 MS. SCRENCI: Hello?

16 PARTICIPANT: Hello. Diane?

17 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

18 PARTICIPANT: Hi. This is the NRC Ops
19 Center. Sam Collins is asking for you up on the
20 bridge.

21 MS. SCRENCI: Oh, okay.

22 PARTICIPANT: Can I transfer you?

23 MS. SCRENCI: Sure.

24 PARTICIPANT: All right.

25 TMI-35_3

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1 PARTICIPANT: Who are you calling?

2 PARTICIPANT: Nancy McNamara.

3 PARTICIPANT: I'm calling (inaudible).

4 Okay. I'll get Screnci's number. I've got --

5 PARTICIPANT: Diane is already up there.

6 PARTICIPANT: Oh, she's already on.

7 (Phone ringing.)

8 MS. McNAMARA: Hello? Nancy McNamara.

9 PARTICIPANT: Hello, Nancy. This is the
10 NRC Operations Center.

11 MS. McNAMARA: Hi.

12 PARTICIPANT: Are you aware what's going
13 on at TMI?

14 MS. McNAMARA: I certainly am.

15 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Sam Collins wants you
16 up on the NRC bridge. Can I transfer you up?

17 MS. McNAMARA: You sure can. Thank you.

18 PARTICIPANT: I'll transfer you.

19 TMI-36

20 MR. HUFFMAN: NRC Operations Center
21 recorded line. Can I help you?

22 MR. GAGE: Yes. This is Thomas Gage,
23 Department of Energy, Emergency Operations Center. I
24 received a call from a Howard Crouch earlier today in
25 reference to the TMI event. Is he still around?

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1 MR. HUFFMAN: Well, he is gone. This is
2 Bill Huffman. I'm taking over on this shift.

3 MR. GAGE: Okay. Bill, I have Dan
4 Leistikow. He is our PA representative, and he may
5 have some questions for you guys. I briefed him on
6 what was given to me by Mr. Crouch, that TMI was in an
7 outage. It was plant refueling -- it was refueling
8 the reactor. He indicated that it was airborne
9 contamination, but that wasn't major. There was no
10 public health or safety. NRC was monitoring, and no
11 response was warranted. That's what Mr. Crouch gave
12 me. Is that correct?

13 MR. HUFFMAN: Well, yeah. I would -- some
14 of the words I wouldn't -- would say are not exactly
15 right, but that's the gist of it.

16 MR. GAGE: Okay. Well, that's what he
17 gave me.

18 MR. HUFFMAN: "Monitoring" has a specific
19 connotation. It means that we're -- that we're in a
20 response mode. That is not the case. We just have --

21 MR. GAGE: Okay.

22 MR. HUFFMAN: -- we just have a resident
23 inspector out there, and we have some management
24 following it from the region.

25 MR. GAGE: Okay. Well, I'm going to let

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1 you speak to Mr. Leistikow. He may have some specific
2 questions.

3 MR. HUFFMAN: Sure.

4 MR. GAGE: Thank you. And your name
5 again? I'm sorry.

6 MR. HUFFMAN: My name is Bill Huffman, and
7 I'll need --

8 MR. GAGE: Okay.

9 MR. HUFFMAN: -- Mr. Leistikow's -- the
10 spelling of his --

11 MR. GAGE: Hey, Dan?

12 MR. LEISTIKOW: Yes.

13 MR. GAGE: I have Bill Huffman on the line
14 for you. He may be able to assist you. Mr. Crouch is
15 gone for the evening. He is taking over.

16 MR. LEISTIKOW: Okay.

17 MR. GAGE: Go ahead.

18 MR. LEISTIKOW: Bill?

19 MR. HUFFMAN: Yes. Dan, well, how do you
20 spell your last name?

21 MR. LEISTIKOW: Leistikow.

22 MR. HUFFMAN: What?

23 MR. LEISTIKOW: L-E-I-S-T-I-K-O-W.

24 MR. HUFFMAN: All right. Mr. Leistikow,
25 yeah, this is Bill Huffman. I work at the Operations

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1 Center here at the NRC. Yeah.

2 MR. LEISTIKOW: Okay.

3 MR. HUFFMAN: TMI is in the middle of a
4 refueling outage. They are defueled, meaning there is
5 no fuel in the reactor, and they are replacing a steam
6 generator, and --

7 MR. LEISTIKOW: Uh-huh.

8 MR. HUFFMAN: -- sometime this evening
9 during maintenance activities there were radiation
10 alarms that went off in containment. And the -- this
11 would not be associated with like a criticality. This
12 would be associated with like there was some airborne
13 radioactivity that was -- occurred as a result of
14 ongoing maintenance activities. So --

15 MR. LEISTIKOW: Okay.

16 MR. HUFFMAN: So personnel were evacuated
17 out of containment, which is what you do by procedure.
18 They are all wearing their anti-Cs (phonetic), and
19 right now they are all still being surveyed, you know,
20 and making sure they are not contaminated.

21 But right now there is no evidence of any
22 significant contamination, nothing outside of
23 containment, and nothing on -- nothing significant on
24 anybody that has been surveyed right now. They're
25 still trying to figure out what happened, where this

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1 puff of radioactivity came from. But this is not like
2 an ongoing release. This is not, you know, the people
3 here at TMI and they think the -- you know, the --

4 MR. LEISTIKOW: Right.

5 MR. HUFFMAN: -- this is not any -- this
6 is nothing related to that whatsoever. This is not an
7 emergency of any kind.

8 MR. LEISTIKOW: Okay. So Homeland
9 Security got a press call from ABC that -- the ABC
10 network news, who heard about it from their local
11 affiliate --

12 MR. HUFFMAN: Uh-huh.

13 MR. LEISTIKOW: -- which -- and so they
14 sent it over to -- I'm the Public Affairs Director at
15 DOE, and so they -- they didn't know who to refer it
16 to, and so they e-mailed me here this evening. Are
17 you guys field inquiries about this or --

18 MR. HUFFMAN: Well, we're trying to do the
19 best we can with all the other calls going on. We
20 couldn't -- I can try to direct you to our -- our
21 Public Affairs person in Region I, but I think she is
22 tied up right now with -- with media. So --

23 MR. LEISTIKOW: So the media -- so media
24 already knows about this.

25 MR. HUFFMAN: Yeah. It's on the internet,

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1 and we've got -- the media knows about it.

2 MR. LEISTIKOW: Oh, okay. All right.
3 Okay. Well, so -- just so I can close the loop out on
4 this, and if you could just tell me the contact
5 information that we should just have Homeland Security
6 refer ABC News to, that's all I need.

7 MR. HUFFMAN: Well, yeah, the contact
8 information would be -- if they -- if they need to --
9 hold on a second. Let's see -- let me put you on
10 hold. I'm going to see if I can ask our management
11 how they want to handle this.

12 MR. LEISTIKOW: Okay.

13 TMI-37

14 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center.

15 MR. RYAN: Hey, it's John Ryan over at
16 ABC. How are you doing?

17 PARTICIPANT: Can you hold for just one
18 second, John?

19 MR. RYAN: Sure thing.

20 TMI-37_1

21 PARTICIPANT: Okay. John, thanks for
22 holding.

23 MR. RYAN: No sweat.

24 PARTICIPANT: Okay. What do you need?
25 You're with ABC News?

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1 MR. RYAN: Yeah, here in Washington.

2 PARTICIPANT: All right.

3 MR. RYAN: DHS referred me over to you
4 guys on this incident up at Three Mile Island --

5 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

6 MR. RYAN: -- today. And they said there
7 would be a release coming out at some point, or that
8 you would have some information?

9 PARTICIPANT: Well, I have some
10 information, but what I'm going to do is I'm going to
11 try to transfer you with our -- to our Public Affairs
12 person.

13 MR. RYAN: Okay.

14 PARTICIPANT: Okay? And her name is Diane
15 Screnci, and she works out of Region I, which is where
16 TMI is.

17 MR. RYAN: Yes. She spoke with our Brian
18 Hartman earlier.

19 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

20 MR. RYAN: I don't want to -- is she out
21 -- is she working at home right now?

22 PARTICIPANT: She is at home.

23 MR. RYAN: You know, and Exelon has put
24 out something. I don't want to be bugging people in
25 the middle of the night here. Is she still up and

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1 working? Have you talked to her in the last hour?

2 PARTICIPANT: Within the last hour? Yeah,
3 I have. So she might still be up.

4 MR. RYAN: All right. Why don't you do
5 that, and we'll just see if we can close the loop
6 here.

7 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Hold on.

8 MR. RYAN: Okay. Thanks.

9 (Phone ringing.)

10 PARTICIPANT: Who is it?

11 (Phone ringing.)

12 TMI-38

13 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center. This
14 is a recorded line. How may I help you?

15 MS. VESTAL: Hi. This is Dr. Pam Vestal.
16 Did you guys happen to get -- be in contact with
17 Matthew Chandler, one of our public affairs officers?

18 PARTICIPANT: You're with DHS?

19 MS. VESTAL: Yes.

20 PARTICIPANT: I -- someone took another
21 call. I'm preparing a briefing right now, ma'am.

22 MS. VESTAL: Okay. Can I talk with the
23 person who took that call?

24 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. I'm going to put you
25 on hold.

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1 MS. VESTAL: Thank you.

2 TMI-39

3 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center
4 recorded line. How may I help you?

5 MR. GAGE: Yes. This is Thomas Gage,
6 Department of Energy, Emergency Operations Center. Is
7 Mr. Huffman in?

8 PARTICIPANT: Yes, sir. He's on another
9 line. May I ask --

10 MR. GAGE: Okay.

11 PARTICIPANT: Perhaps I can help you, sir?

12 MR. GAGE: Yes. This is in reference to
13 the situation for TMI. I have the Chief of Staff for
14 the Secretary of Energy on the line, and he had a few
15 questions. I tried to explain it to him as best as
16 possible, because I just --

17 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

18 MR. GAGE: -- patched our press office,
19 Mr. Leistikow, to Mr. Huffman.

20 PARTICIPANT: Okay. And what's the name,
21 sir?

22 MR. GAGE: It's -- my name?

23 PARTICIPANT: What's the name of -- what's
24 your Chief of Staff -- what's your Chief's name?

25 MR. GAGE: Rod O'Connor.

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1 PARTICIPANT: Rod O'Connor?

2 MR. GAGE: Yes, sir.

3 PARTICIPANT: Rod O'Connor.

4 MR. GAGE: Yes, sir.

5 PARTICIPANT: Okay. I'm going to put you
6 on hold for a second.

7 MR. GAGE: Okay.

8 TMI-39_1

9 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Mr. O'Connor, are you
10 up there?

11 MR. O'CONNOR: I am.

12 PARTICIPANT: Hello?

13 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes, I am.

14 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Mr. O'Connor, I have
15 on the line with you right now Mr. Brian McDermott,
16 who is a manager here in the Incident Response Program
17 at the NRC, and he can brief you on what's going on.

18 MR. O'CONNOR: Thank you very much.

19 MR. McDERMOTT: Hi, Mr. O'Connor. How are
20 you doing tonight?

21 MR. O'CONNOR: I'm doing fine, Brian.
22 Thanks for taking the time.

23 MR. McDERMOTT: Sure. I understand you
24 have some interest in the media reports regarding
25 Three Mile Island this evening?

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1 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes. Yeah, I just got an
2 e-mail from our communications office, and I'm just
3 trying to run down what actually happened.

4 MR. McDERMOTT: Okay. Well, right now,
5 the Three Mile Island Unit is in the midst of a steam
6 generator replacement. They are replacing some large
7 components within their containment. And during this
8 evolution they ended up with contamination being
9 airborne within the containment. That is not an
10 unusual occurrence during maintenance work at a
11 nuclear powerplant.

12 What we know of it right now is that when
13 the contamination occurred they brought the
14 individuals out of the facility and put them through
15 the normal process you would use to screen people for
16 contamination. A number of those individuals did have
17 some contamination. We were hearing numbers; I think
18 there were a total of eight individuals last I heard
19 that came out and had some contamination. But this --
20 this event did not go beyond the inside of the
21 facility.

22 MR. O'CONNOR: It did not escape into --
23 it was not airborne outside of the containment
24 facility?

25 MR. McDERMOTT: That's what we understand

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1 at this point, and the licensee has told us that they
2 have the monitoring in place for that. We will be
3 doing some follow-up with our inspectors, going to the
4 site to look at that. But they had been looking at
5 the licensee's maintenance activities prior to this
6 event, so in terms of, you know, what they do to
7 monitor work, and so forth, we have had some eyes on
8 that prior to the events and the original issues.

9 MR. O'CONNOR: Okay.

10 MR. McDERMOTT: So right now, so in terms
11 of --

12 MR. O'CONNOR: I'm sorry, go ahead.

13 MR. McDERMOTT: Yeah. In terms of the
14 type of contamination you are talking about, I myself
15 was an inspector at this facility in the past, and the
16 dose you're talking about, the one that we heard was
17 the highest was on the order of 16 millirem, which is
18 not a significant number at all in terms of dose to a
19 worker doing work in a containment during an outage.

20 MR. O'CONNOR: And so as far as we know,
21 no injuries other than the exposure to these
22 approximately eight individuals?

23 MR. McDERMOTT: That's correct.

24 MR. O'CONNOR: Okay. All right. Anything
25 else we should know?

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1 MR. McDERMOTT: No. I think what happened
2 here is they've got a queue of individuals lined up to
3 be monitored as they come up -- come out of the
4 facility.

5 PARTICIPANT: Mr. Sam Collins has joined
6 this conference.

7 MR. McDERMOTT: Okay.

8 MR. COLLINS: I'm online now.

9 MR. McDERMOTT: All right, Sam. Thank
10 you. We have Sam Collins, our Regional Administrator
11 from NRC Region I, who has just joined us, Rod.

12 MR. O'CONNOR: Yeah, Rod O'Connor from
13 DOE.

14 MR. COLLINS: Good morning.

15 MR. McDERMOTT: So I think what happened
16 was that a number of these individuals that were
17 queued up waiting to be monitored as they came out of
18 the facility were taking the opportunity to make some
19 telephone calls at the time, while they were queued up
20 in line.

21 So the media has -- had some interest in
22 the event. They did some reports with the licensee
23 from the site, and have been in contact with our
24 Public Affairs as well. But at this point we don't
25 see this --

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1 MR. O'CONNOR: I haven't seen a media
2 report. I just got the notice from our public affairs
3 shop. Has it been widespread, or has it been just a
4 few media outlets?

5 MR. McDERMOTT: I think it was just an AP
6 posting that's on the internet as far as I've heard.

7 MR. O'CONNOR: Okay. All right. Well,
8 gentlemen, I'm very appreciative of you taking the
9 time to give us an update. And, you know, let us know
10 if anything else significant happens. But thanks, and
11 we'll go from here.

12 MR. McDERMOTT: Okay. If you have any
13 other questions, just give us a call back.

14 MR. O'CONNOR: Okay. Thank you.

15 MR. McDERMOTT: All right.

16 MR. O'CONNOR: Bye-bye.

17 TMI-40

18 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center
19 recorded line. May I help you?

20 PARTICIPANT: Hi, good evening. This is
21 the DHS NOC again. I believe we got cut off. We were
22 waiting to speak to whoever --

23 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. We're in the middle
24 of other briefings now with the Chief of Staff of DOE.

25 PARTICIPANT: Right.

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1 PARTICIPANT: And other senior staff here
2 at the NRC. So we're placing you on hold, sir, and
3 we're going to get to you as soon as we can.

4 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Thank you, sir.

5 TMI-41_1

6 PARTICIPANT: John?

7 MR. RYAN: Yes, sir.

8 PARTICIPANT: I can't get through to her.
9 No one is answering her phone. Let me -- let me try
10 one more time. I just -- I've dialed it about five
11 times. I don't know if she may be -- she may be
12 fielding other calls on her personal line. I'm trying
13 to dial her cell phone.

14 MR. RYAN: Okay.

15 PARTICIPANT: And -- which is normally how
16 we contact her. So I just want to let you know that
17 -- that, you know, it's -- I have been trying.

18 MR. RYAN: All right. They haven't left
19 anything with you that you could pass along. You
20 wanted me to --

21 PARTICIPANT: I mean, all I can tell you
22 is that there is really nothing going on. It's --
23 this is -- it's amazing. I think it's just because
24 it's TMI. I think you probably already know that they
25 were just removing a steam generator earlier this

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1 evening.

2 MR. RYAN: And someone cut something.

3 PARTICIPANT: And, yeah, there was a puff
4 of radioactivity probably from one of the pipes that
5 -- you know, we don't know. We're speculating there.
6 But there is no fuel in the reactor, so there is no
7 -- there is nothing like what could have happened at
8 TMI originally.

9 MR. RYAN: Right.

10 PARTICIPANT: And some of this radioactive
11 material went airborne in containment, did not go
12 outside of containment, and -- and they removed all of
13 the workers and they are surveying to make sure nobody
14 was contaminated.

15 MR. RYAN: All right. In what you got,
16 this sort of mirrors what we got from the Dauphine
17 County EMC or Emergency Operations Center?

18 PARTICIPANT: Uh-huh.

19 MR. RYAN: So, I mean, this is okay.
20 They're saying Exelon considers -- the only -- there's
21 two things with the release that you should know that
22 they put out. They say, one, that Exelon considers
23 the event to be an event of potential public interest.
24 I don't know if that's just some type of bureaucratic
25 speech that they need to say. The other thing is it

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1 looks like local officials there are going to make an
2 issue of the fact that it took eight hours for them to
3 be notified about it. But you know what? That's not
4 going to rise to the level of national news coverage,
5 I don't think.

6 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. Well, I -- yeah, I
7 don't know.

8 MR. RYAN: Yeah.

9 PARTICIPANT: You know, you guys know.
10 You're the press.

11 MR. RYAN: That's a decision we'd make,
12 but my -- here's the thing. If you want to try Diane
13 one more time, if she doesn't answer I'm not sweating
14 it. It's not like Good Morning America is down my
15 throat to get something here.

16 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Let me try her one
17 more time, okay?

18 MR. RYAN: Okay, yeah.

19 TMI-42

20 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center.

21 PARTICIPANT: Hi, good morning. My name
22 is Janet. I'm calling from CNN.

23 PARTICIPANT: Yeah, Janet. Can I put you
24 on hold for --

25 PARTICIPANT: You sure can. Thank you.

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1 TMI-42_1

2 PARTICIPANT: Yes. Are you on hold, sir?

3 PARTICIPANT: Ma'am. Yes, I am.

4 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. And you're on hold
5 for?

6 PARTICIPANT: My name is Janet. I'm
7 calling from CNN.

8 PARTICIPANT: CNN?

9 PARTICIPANT: Yes, sir.

10 PARTICIPANT: Okay. And you probably want
11 to talk to our Public Affairs Officer?

12 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. Yes.

13 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Okay. We're still
14 trying to reach her, ma'am. Can you hold on, please?

15 PARTICIPANT: Yes. Hello? Are you on
16 hold?

17 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center
18 recorded line. How may I help you?

19 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. Region III RDO
20 calling in for the TA briefing.

21 PARTICIPANT: Okay. I'll place you, sir.

22 Diane for --

23 TMI-43

24 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center
25 recorded line. How may I help you?

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1 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. This is Jonathan
2 (inaudible) from TDBLC. You tried to call me?

3 PARTICIPANT: Yeah, Jonathan. We're
4 having a TA briefing at 1:00 Eastern Standard Time
5 concerning the TMI incident where they did an internal
6 evacuation of their containment during a steam
7 generator replacement. We're contacting you -- we're
8 contacting all the duty officers, along with,
9 obviously, the Commissioners' briefing.

10 PARTICIPANT: We've got all the CAs now,
11 right?

12 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. So you're being
13 invited to call in and we'll place you on this bridge.
14 I guess it's almost -- it's almost 1:00 right now. I
15 can place you on the bridge right now if you --

16 PARTICIPANT: Well --

17 PARTICIPANT: -- or you can call back in.

18 PARTICIPANT: Well, what is the subject
19 again?

20 PARTICIPANT: TMI.

21 PARTICIPANT: Okay. They had a
22 containment evacuation?

23 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. It's going to be --
24 yeah.

25 PARTICIPANT: We got Hirschman (phonetic).

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1 PARTICIPANT: Hischman.

2 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Go ahead and put me
3 on the bridge.

4 PARTICIPANT: Okay. You'll be the first
5 one there. Please follow the prompts.

6 TMI-43_1

7 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center
8 recorded line. May I help you?

9 MS. HAYDEN: Yes. This is Beth Hayden. I
10 was calling in for the --

11 PARTICIPANT: I'll transfer you, Beth.

12 MS. HAYDEN: Thank you.

13 (Phone ringing.)

14 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center
15 recorded line. May I help you?

16 MR. CAMPER: Yeah. Larry Camper calling
17 back for the --

18 PARTICIPANT: I'll transfer you.

19 NRC Operations Center recorded line. May
20 I help you?

21 PARTICIPANT: Yes. This is Yvonne from
22 OPA.

23 PARTICIPANT: I'll transfer you.

24 PARTICIPANT: Put me on the bridge line,
25 yes, please.

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1 TMI-43_2

2 MR. COLLINS: Okay. So we have -- let me
3 just confirm, we have Dave --

4 MR. LEW: Yes.

5 MR. COLLINS: -- Dave Lew. Darrell?

6 MR. ROBERTS: Yes.

7 MR. COLLINS: All right. And we have
8 Brian. I think (inaudible) dropped off, and John
9 White dropped off. We have Mike.

10 MR. JOHNSON: Mike is here.

11 MR. COLLINS: Okay. And Diane is offline
12 right now I think.

13 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. She was making -- she
14 was taking a call with Beth Archer.

15 MR. COLLINS: Right. Dave, do you have
16 those names so you can introduce us at the -- at the
17 TA brief?

18 MR. LEW: The names of the (inaudible)
19 staff.

20 MR. COLLINS: Yes.

21 MR. LEW: Yes, I do.

22 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

23 MR. ROBERTS: And I believe Brian was only
24 stepping off temporary, right, Brian McDermott?

25 MR. COLLINS: That's correct. He and

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1 Diane were stepping off temporarily.

2 MR. ROBERTS: Okay.

3 MR. COLLINS: And, Mike, do you want to
4 stay on board, or do you want us to update you in the
5 morning?

6 MR. JOHNSON: No, I'll stay on. I'm --
7 I'm up.

8 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

9 MS. SCRENCI: Hey, Sam. It's Diane.

10 MR. COLLINS: Yes.

11 MS. SCRENCI: I talked to Beth Archer at
12 Exelon, and I just wanted you update you. I'm going
13 to try to track down Ralph DeSantis. His e-mail to
14 them simply said that he was going to do interviews in
15 the morning. I told her we were going to probably do
16 interviews at some point during the day tomorrow, and
17 that we were going to do them at the Training Center.

18 MR. COLLINS: Uh-huh.

19 MS. SCRENCI: Giving her the opportunity
20 to object now or forever hold her peace basically.
21 And she said, yeah, that's where they -- that's where
22 they go and stand, and that's okay.

23 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

24 MS. SCRENCI: Now, I'm going to go back on
25 the mute to see if I can catch Ralph while he's still

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1 in his car, rather than waking up his whole house.

2 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

3 MS. SCRENCI: All right.

4 MR. COLLINS: Thanks, Diane.

5 TMI-43_3

6 (Phone ringing.)

7 PARTICIPANT: There's two people on hold
8 here.

9 PARTICIPANT: Both of them for -- both of
10 them are reporters, I think, looking for Diane
11 Screnci.

12 PARTICIPANT: Which line?

13 PARTICIPANT: No, they're on -- both on
14 hold. See them?

15 (Phone ringing.)

16 PARTICIPANT: I don't --

17 PARTICIPANT: Oh, I thought you were
18 calling Diane.

19 Hi, Mr. Grobe. This is the NRC Operations
20 Center. I tried to get hold of Mr. Leeds, was unable
21 to get hold of him. There's not an emergency going
22 on, but there has been an event at TMI, and we're
23 having a Commissioner Assistants briefing right now.
24 I want to put you on the TA bridge, so you can
25 participate. Okay?

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1 MR. GROBE: Yes.

2 PARTICIPANT: I'll transfer you.

3 (Phone ringing.)

4 PARTICIPANT: Hello?

5 PARTICIPANT: Hello?

6 PARTICIPANT: Hello?

7 (Phone ringing.)

8 PARTICIPANT: Are we on?

9 MR. GROBE: This is Jack Grobe at NRR.

10 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center. This
11 is a recorded line. May I help you?

12 MR. MARR: Hey, Bill. It's Scott Marr. I
13 think I got dropped.

14 PARTICIPANT: I'll transfer you.

15 MS. FRAY: Yvonne Fray, OPA.

16 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center
17 recorded line. May I help you?

18 MS. TROSEAN: Hi. This is Leigh Trosean.

19 PARTICIPANT: I'll transfer you, Leigh.

20 MS. TROSEAN: Thank you.

21 PARTICIPANT: You probably didn't have
22 your HOO-2 phone in the -- ah. Move your HOO-2 phone
23 into the Commissioner Assistants briefing.

24 PARTICIPANT: HOO-1 phone you mean.

25 PARTICIPANT: Or to your HOO-1 phone. I'm

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1 sorry. And --

2 PARTICIPANT: Can I pick up 4107 and put
3 them --

4 PARTICIPANT: Hello? Who is this? Hello?
5 Where is Diane Screnci?

6 PARTICIPANT: Diane Screnci was on a phone
7 call with DHS, so she is --

8 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

9 PARTICIPANT: -- tied up on a phone call.
10 We'll contact her again, but I --

11 PARTICIPANT: Are you still there?

12 PARTICIPANT: I am.

13 PARTICIPANT: I'm sorry. She has been
14 actively engaged in a bunch of phone calls. I think
15 she might be free now, so if -- if you hold, I'm going
16 to try to transfer you.

17 PARTICIPANT: Thank you.

18 (PHONE RINGING.)

19 PARTICIPANT: Oh, man. Who is that? Is
20 it over on your side?

21 NRC Operations Center recorded line. May
22 I help you?

23 MR. BELL: This is Jim Bell, Commissioner
24 Sevidiky's (phonetic) office.

25 PARTICIPANT: I'll transfer you.

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1 PARTICIPANT: Thank you.

2 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Thank you, ma'am.

3 PARTICIPANT: Thanks.

4 PARTICIPANT: ABC -- Diane has spoken with
5 ABC Radio and News, and it's on the line that Diane
6 has told them the situation, that we're sending
7 radiological specialists there. That's basically what
8 the story is saying.

9 TMI-44

10 MS. HAYDEN: Beth Hayden, Public Affairs.

11 MR. CAMPER: Larry Camper, FSMA.

12 MS. FRAY: Yvonne Fray, Public Affairs,
13 Headquarters.

14 MR. MOORE: Scott Moore, International
15 Programs.

16 MR. DUNCAN: Eric Duncan, Region III RDO.

17 MS. TROSEAN: Leigh Trosean, OEDO.

18 MR. BELL: Jim Bell, Commissioner
19 Sevidiky's office.

20 MS. POWELL: Amy Powell, Congressional
21 Affairs.

22 MR. CASTLEMAN: Ed Castleman, Office of
23 Dr. Klein.

24 MR. NELLER: Carroll Lee Neller from FSNA.

25 TMI-44_1

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1 MR. COLLINS: Is Brian McDermott on the
2 line?

3 MR. McDERMOTT: Yes, Sam. I'm just
4 getting back.

5 MR. COLLINS: Okay, Brian. Any status on
6 the briefing for us?

7 MR. McDERMOTT: Yes. Tom Hischman is
8 going to join in. And based on what he hears from the
9 call, he will -- he will talk with Josh, and they'll
10 decide whether or not to reach out to the Chairman
11 either tonight or tomorrow morning.

12 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

13 TMI-45

14 PARTICIPANT: I'm still trying to get hold
15 of her. I'm sorry.

16 PARTICIPANT: No, that's okay. Would it
17 be easier if you gave me her number, or if she took my
18 -- or if you took my number?

19 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. Maybe that would be
20 easier. What's your -- what's your number? 6

21 PARTICIPANT: Our number here is

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

22
23 PARTICIPANT: (b)(6) Okay. And what was
24 your name again?

25 PARTICIPANT: My name is Janet.

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1 PARTICIPANT: Janet?

2 PARTICIPANT: Uh-huh.

3 PARTICIPANT: And you're with CNN.

4 PARTICIPANT: Yes.

5 PARTICIPANT: I'll --

6 PARTICIPANT: Have her call --

7 PARTICIPANT: As soon as she gets off her
8 line --

9 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. And just so she
10 knows, we're calling -- you know, I understand there
11 was a radiation leak at Three Mile Island --

12 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. There wasn't a leak.

13 PARTICIPANT: -- this afternoon.

14 PARTICIPANT: What happened is -- I'll
15 give you what I know is that there was a -- they're
16 doing maintenance, removing a steam generator, and
17 there was some radiation that went airborne that was
18 associated with the removal of that steam generator.
19 So it is not an ongoing thing, and they evacuated
20 personnel around the area. But I'll let her tell you
21 whatever she knows.

22 PARTICIPANT: And who is the person? Who
23 is the PIO?

24 PARTICIPANT: The PAO is Diane Screnci.

25 PARTICIPANT: Can you spell her last name

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1 for me?

2 PARTICIPANT: S-C-R-E-N-C-I.

3 PARTICIPANT: Screnci? S-C-R-E-N-C-I.

4 PARTICIPANT: Yes.

5 PARTICIPANT: Wonderful. Thank you for
6 your help.

7 PARTICIPANT: I'll have her call you as
8 soon as --

9 PARTICIPANT: I appreciate it.

10 PARTICIPANT: Bye-bye.

11 PARTICIPANT: Bye-bye.

12 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center
13 recorded line. May I help you?

14 MS. FRAY: Yeah. This is Yvonne in OPA.
15 I was knocked off the bridge line.

16 PARTICIPANT: I'll transfer you back up.

17 MS. FRAY: Thank you.

18 TMI-46

19 MR. LEW: Diane, I'm on (inaudible).

20 MS. SCRENCI: I think if we send out -- if
21 we send out a note that said we will be available at
22 noon that the TV stations would just adjust Ralph.

23 MR. LEW: Okay. And you've gone
24 through --

25 PARTICIPANT: All right. Mr. Lew?

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1 MR. LEW: Yes.

2 PARTICIPANT: Okay. You're connected to
3 the Commissioners Assistants briefing bridge, and you
4 can go ahead.

5 MR. LEW: Good evening. I guess good
6 morning. This is Dave Lew, Director, Division of
7 Reactor Projects for Region I. We have some other
8 folks on the line that may help support my discussion
9 in this briefing.

10 Sam Collins is on the line, as is Mike
11 Johnson, who is acting for Bruce. Darrell Roberts,
12 DRS Director, we have Brian McDermott, who is NSIR,
13 and Diane Screnci, the Region I PAO.

14 Let me start off with telling you the
15 purpose of this discussion. There was an event at TMI
16 today. Based on discussions with the licensee, the
17 event was not a significant impact on public health
18 and safety. However, it has generated significant
19 media interest, and the purpose of this call is to
20 make you aware of the high media interest, not just by
21 the media, but also there has been interactions with
22 other federal agencies that they have been getting
23 calls from the public and the media as well.

24 Let me start with where the plant was
25 today. TMI is in a refueling outage. They are in

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1 their steam generator replacement refueling outage.
2 And, as such, they have a hole in containment to
3 facilitate movement of the steam generator out of
4 containment.

5 At the time of the event, there were
6 approximately 175 workers in containment. They had
7 numerous activities going on inside containment, much
8 of it focused on the steam generator replacement,
9 prepping and cutting of the Bravo steam generator.

10 At about 1600 this afternoon, there was
11 containment radiation monitor alarms that went off due
12 to a contamination airborne event. The containment
13 was evacuated by the licensee in response to the
14 radiation alarms.

15 They, at the time, secured all activities.
16 They took some -- they took actions to maximize the
17 purge rate to minimize any outleakage of air through
18 the containment hole that was cut for the steam
19 generators. They secured activities. Also, they took
20 radiological readings within the containment.

21 Currently, the readings were as high as
22 two DAC, which is still very low. The current --
23 current condition is that the airborne activity within
24 the containment has returned to normal refueling
25 outage levels. The licensee has not yet been able to

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1 confirm the source of the airborne activity.

2 That said, they have strong evidence that
3 the source is a sulfate within their -- associated
4 with their Bravo steam generator work. They have
5 secured all work, continue to secure all work until
6 they determine the source of the event.

7 No EAOs were (inaudible), and the licensee
8 is making four-hour 50.72 report due to a press
9 release that they issued a couple of hours ago.

10 The -- let me pause there for any
11 questions on the -- on the plant conditions and the
12 event itself, and then I will cover the media interest
13 and (inaudible) test.

14 (No response.)

15 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

16 MR. LEW: Okay. If there are no questions
17 on that --

18 PARTICIPANT: Excuse me. Is the
19 Commissioners Assistants briefing connected? Is
20 anybody listening from the Commissioners Assistants
21 briefing?

22 MS. TROSEAN: This is Leigh Trosean in the
23 EDO's office. I'm listening.

24 PARTICIPANT: Did you hear what was -- Mr.
25 Lew was saying?

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1 MS. TROSEAN: Yes.

2 PARTICIPANT: Oh, okay. I wasn't sure.
3 We -- it was very quiet, and I wasn't -- I was
4 thinking there might have been a technical issue.

5 Go ahead.

6 MS. TROSEAN: I think Pat Castleman is on,
7 too.

8 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. Yeah, we have a full
9 complement here on the Commissioners Assistants
10 briefing, but we wanted to make sure that you were
11 listening to the briefing by Mr. Lew.

12 MR. CASTLEMAN: Yeah. This is Pat
13 Castleman. I heard it.

14 PARTICIPANT: And OCA is here.

15 PARTICIPANT: Yes.

16 MR. LEW: The licensee did initially reach
17 out to the state, local, as well as the media.
18 However, there has been a high level of interest that
19 has been generated. A number of ABC, NBC, and CBS
20 affiliates are aware, and, in fact, there have been
21 (inaudible) at the Training Center by ABC. There are
22 a number of articles that have been generated as a
23 result of this event.

24 The DHS and DOE operations center and
25 public affairs have also been getting inquiries from

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1 the media. That information has been funneled through
2 the HOO, and it is being funneled through our Public
3 Affairs Officer.

4 We also got a call from Rod O'Connor,
5 Chief of Staff of DOE, who Brian McDermott had updated
6 and provided the context of the issues that occurred
7 at TMI.

8 We expect there to be continued high
9 interest tomorrow. There was (inaudible) be doing a
10 number of interviews with the media in the morning.
11 We will be sending out specialists to the site in the
12 morning. Our Public Affairs Officer will also be
13 going out to the site to -- to -- for press outreach,
14 as well as to answer any questions. She will be
15 accompanied by our Branch Chief.

16 It's possible that (inaudible) Region I,
17 seems to work with the state as well. They have been
18 informed, and they have -- they will likely be at the
19 site tomorrow as well to help provide the context and
20 answer any questions.

21 So this is an overview of what has been
22 (inaudible). I will pause there to see if there is
23 any questions, or if there is anything else to add by
24 others on this call.

25 PARTICIPANT: Yes. This is (inaudible).

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1 What other agencies besides Energy?

2 MR. LEW: Department of -- DHS.

3 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Thank you.

4 PARTICIPANT: Dave, you mentioned
5 somebody, a Chief of Staff from some office. Who is
6 that?

7 MR. LEW: Ron O'Connor. Did I get that
8 right, Brian?

9 PARTICIPANT: That was Brian McDermott who
10 talked to Ron O'Connor, Dave.

11 MR. LEW: Yes. Ron O'Connor is the name
12 that we got.

13 PARTICIPANT: And he is the Chief of Staff
14 from where?

15 MR. LEW: DOE, Department of Energy.

16 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

17 MR. COLLINS: I guess -- this is Sam.
18 Diane Screnci, have you rejoined us.

19 MS. SCRENCI: Yes, I have.

20 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Diane is our Senior
21 Public Affairs Officer, Region I, and she has talked
22 with the public affairs or external affairs
23 individuals for Exelon for the TMI site.

24 Diane, based on your previous conversation
25 there were some articles that were already in

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1 distribution. Some of them perhaps mischaracterized
2 the event. Can you help us with that?

3 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah, Sam. There is a --
4 Ralph DeSantis, the spokesman for TMI, did an
5 interview outside the plant this evening with the ABC
6 affiliate in Harrisburg. And while the article was
7 basically accurate, the headline is wrong. It talks
8 about there being a radiation release at Three Mile
9 Island.

10 They have called to -- or a radiation leak
11 at Three Mile Island. Exelon has called to have that
12 corrected, but I'm looking at it right now and it is
13 still -- it still has not been corrected.

14 He has also done an interview with the NBC
15 affiliate standing outside the site, and is planning
16 to do another two at about 10:00 tomorrow morning.

17 MR. COLLINS: The connotation of the
18 release inside containment is correct, but --

19 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah.

20 MR. COLLINS: -- it gives the impression
21 that there is a significant release outside
22 containment, which is perhaps not correct. They'll
23 have to correct that, but that could drive -- that
24 could drive significant media interest in the morning.

25 MR. LEW: And to put a qualification on

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1 (inaudible) radiological release, there was some
2 outleakage from the hole that was cut in containment.

3 The initial estimates, bounding estimates, that the
4 licensee had put together was very, very small. It
5 was .4 percent of the -- of the limit in the OCDM. So
6 it was -- they would capture in the normal -- as part
7 of their normal annual report, annual report for the
8 OCDM.

9 MR. COLLINS: And, Dave, just for
10 completeness, my understanding from the discussions
11 with the site were that they were starting recommence
12 work inside containment with the exception of the
13 B-ring, where they thought that the release might have
14 originated from. Is that correct?

15 MR. LEW: Yes. That is correct. That
16 they were planning to restart some activities that
17 were not -- not located where they believe the source
18 of the event started. They still are maintaining that
19 was isolated, as they are (inaudible) folks to
20 continue to do surveys and (inaudible).

21 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Thanks.

22 MS. HAYDEN: This is Beth Hayden. Were
23 there any surveys done outside of the containment
24 anywhere, you know --

25 MR. LEW: Yes.

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1 MS. HAYDEN: -- away from the plant
2 itself, at the boundary or --

3 MR. LEW: Thank you, Beth. That's a good
4 question. I didn't cover that. The licensee did do
5 surveys outside of containment. They did not identify
6 any contamination.

7 MS. HAYDEN: Okay.

8 MR. LEW: They did have a number of folks
9 who were contaminated. They did whole body counts on
10 people. The highest reading was 16 millirem, which is
11 still relatively low, but they had a total of 11
12 people thus far which had (inaudible) of from 10 to 16
13 millirem. And, again, that's conservative based on
14 the whole body count, because they still need to sort
15 out the internal contributors, if any of that
16 contamination contributed to the whole body count,
17 so --

18 MS. HAYDEN: How many people again? I'm
19 sorry.

20 MR. LEW: Eleven people (inaudible) 10
21 millirem.

22 MS. HAYDEN: Thank you. And did they take
23 these people offsite, or are they dealing with them
24 onsite?

25 MR. LEW: They're dealing with them.

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1 onsite. Again, it is a relatively low impact. They
2 would decontaminate the people and let them go.

3 MS. HAYDEN: Okay.

4 MR. GROBE: Sam, this is Jack Grobe. What
5 kind of help do you need? You've got the lead on
6 this, right?

7 MR. COLLINS: There is no declared event,
8 Jack, and right now we are in the regional inspection
9 program as far as event response, but not in emergency
10 preparedness event response. And the region has the
11 lead, and Dave Lew and Darrell Roberts are the
12 (inaudible) and they're technical lead. That's
13 correct.

14 MR. GROBE: Do you need some help with
15 interacting with the media or with congressional
16 offices?

17 MS. SCRENCI: We've got congressional
18 affairs on the line. We'll work with them.

19 MR. COLLINS: Thanks for offering, Jack.
20 I appreciate that. I would say we might understand
21 better in the morning what the demand is going to be.

22 As we get into areas of perspective outside of TMI
23 and get into industry-wide information, we may need
24 support from NLR. I think right now we are okay with
25 covering the specific event. If we get into the

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1 generics, then we'll certainly call on you for
2 support.

3 MR. GROBE: Okay.

4 MR. COLLINS: If we have to go downtown in
5 the future, you can be the lead.

6 PARTICIPANT: Diane, you're okay?

7 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

8 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

9 MR. LEW: I think we had Jim Bell and Pat
10 Castleman on. I didn't hear the Chairman's office.

11 PARTICIPANT: Yeah, I'm here.

12 MR. LEW: Okay.

13 MR. COLLINS: So we have been coordinating
14 with the Commonwealth. State liaison officer has been
15 in touch with Dave Allard, and we would expect, Diane,
16 if I understand correctly, based on this --

17 MS. SCRENCI: I'm sorry. I didn't hear
18 you, Sam. Hello? Hello?

19 MR. LEW: We may have lost Sam.

20 MR. McDERMOTT: Yeah. Dave, this is Brian
21 McDermott. (Inaudible) ran out of battery on my phone
22 as well, since we have been on here for a while. But
23 the Chief of Staff from the Department of Energy was
24 Rod, R-O-D, O'Connor.

25 MR. LEW: Rod O'Connor. Oh. I do not

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1 believe Sam was -- Sam was asking the question about
2 the coordination with state. I think the state will
3 have some interest in being at the site and perhaps
4 coordinating with us in terms of our public outreach.

5 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

6 PARTICIPANT: This is Amy. Go ahead.

7 MR. BELL: This is Jim Bell. Who is on
8 from the Chairman's office?

9 PARTICIPANT: Tom Hischman.

10 MR. BELL: Tom, okay. I didn't catch your
11 name there.

12 PARTICIPANT: This is Amy in Congressional
13 Affairs. I guess this is for Diane or Beth. Are we
14 doing a press release at this point, or just in
15 response office from Neil's office?

16 MS. SCRENCI: I was just planning to
17 respond to questions tonight, and then I think we're
18 going to go out there and talk to reporters tomorrow,
19 and just sending them a note tomorrow letting them
20 know that we are going to be available.

21 MR. HIRSCHMAN: Diane, this is Tom.

22 MS. SCRENCI: Hi, Tom.

23 MR. HIRSCHMAN: Hey, do you know if there
24 has been any request for any comments from the
25 Chairman or anyone else from the agency or like Sam

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1 was --

2 MS. SCRENCI: No. The reporters that I
3 have talked to have just taken the comments from me.

4 MR. HIRSCHMAN: Okay. Thank you.

5 MS. SCRENCI: So far.

6 PARTICIPANT: This is (inaudible) up in
7 Region III. Is anybody working on talking points?
8 Are the regions getting any inquiries as well?

9 MR. LEW: There have been some e-mails
10 that were put out there, but no talking points. And I
11 think they are captured somewhat in the -- in the
12 e-mails. However, I don't think we have specific
13 talking points at this point developed, and we will
14 try and work on how best to get alignment, make sure
15 everyone is on the same page.

16 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. That was an excellent
17 question, Jack. The answer, if anybody else in the
18 agency gets a call, should be that we are aware of the
19 situation and that -- and refer them to Ms. Screnci in
20 Region I. We shouldn't have multiple people talking
21 about this event. Region I has got it, and it is not
22 even an event, excuse me, but Region I has got it and
23 we should refer them to Region I.

24 PARTICIPANT: This is Headquarters
25 Operations Officer. TMI has just reported the event

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1 based on the offsite notification. They just -- they
2 just called this in.

3 MR. COLLINS: Dave, do you agree with
4 that?

5 MR. LEW: This is Dave Lew. I understand
6 that they have just submitted a four-hour report based
7 on their public notification.

8 PARTICIPANT: Headquarters Operations
9 Officer. That is correct, David.

10 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Could you forward
11 that notification to the RDOs in the other regions as
12 well, then?

13 PARTICIPANT: Yeah, we'll forward that to
14 the RDOs. Absolutely.

15 PARTICIPANT: Thank you.

16 PARTICIPANT: If congressional could get
17 that as well. The only thing I have is the HOO
18 highlight from a little bit before midnight.

19 MR. COLLINS: Yes, there's no new
20 information.

21 MR. LEW: Right. There is basically no
22 new information from the HOO highlight, but, yeah,
23 we'll get the event notification to OCA.

24 PARTICIPANT: Thank you.

25 MR. LEW: And to Diane Screnci.

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1 PARTICIPANT: You know, I (inaudible) we
2 will be -- we will be looking at trying to investigate
3 it (inaudible) key messages together for the
4 congressional stakeholders. We will get it to the
5 Public Affairs Officer, but we also need to get it to
6 Congressional Affairs --

7 PARTICIPANT: Yes.

8 PARTICIPANT: -- interactions there as
9 well as to the HOO as they get into calls from other
10 state agencies. We will work on that as a priority.

11 PARTICIPANT: Yes. From congressional,
12 given the level of interest, some of you are expecting
13 stories in the morning. I've got to get something out
14 to folks just to let them know we're on it.

15 PARTICIPANT: I understand. What
16 timeframe would you think you'll need that by?

17 PARTICIPANT: I'm sorry. I didn't hear
18 you.

19 PARTICIPANT: (Inaudible.)

20 MR. COLLINS: Amy, this is Sam. Do you
21 need anything from us to help you with your
22 congressional stakeholders?

23 PARTICIPANT: I think right now I've got
24 it. I mean, from the information that was shared I
25 think I've got the basics here. Obviously, if we do a

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1 press release of our own at some point, I would need
2 that.

3 MR. COLLINS: We have a couple of e-mails
4 we can send you, too --

5 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

6 MR. COLLINS: -- from the event. We can
7 give you one in the morning when we get in there.

8 MS. SCRENCI: Amy, do you want to see a
9 copy of the Exelon press release?

10 PARTICIPANT: That would be great. Do you
11 have it electronically, Diane?

12 MS. SCRENCI: I do. I already sent it to
13 you.

14 PARTICIPANT: Okay. I'm going to try to
15 get into Web Mail.

16 MR. LEW: So are there any other questions
17 on the (inaudible)?

18 MR. CASTLEMAN: Yeah, this is Pat
19 Castleman. What is the status of work in the
20 containment right now?

21 MR. LEW: (Inaudible) containment in the
22 area that they believe to be the source of the
23 airborne release today has stopped. However, they are
24 beginning -- they have been taking surveys of other
25 areas, and they have started to allow work in those

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1 areas not associated -- not associated with where they
2 believe the source of the airborne occurred today.

3 MS. CASTLEMAN: Thank you.

4 PARTICIPANT: Did they seal the hole with
5 any kind of vapor barrier or anything like that after
6 the alarms went off?

7 MR. LEW: I do not know that they have a
8 vapor barrier that has been established.

9 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

10 MR. LEW: Currently the containment is not
11 required. They have offloaded all the fuel from the
12 source.

13 PARTICIPANT: They have what, Dave?

14 MR. LEW: They have offloaded all the fuel
15 from the source, so containment is no longer required.

16 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

17 MR. LEW: That's it.

18 PARTICIPANT: What did they receive at
19 1600? What was (inaudible)?

20 MR. LEW: Say again?

21 PARTICIPANT: You said an alarm was
22 received at 1600. I think you said it was a
23 (inaudible) rad monitor alarm. Is that right?

24 MR. LEW: It was in containment, the rad
25 monitors went off, multiple.

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1 PARTICIPANT: Okay. And you said they
2 took -- they took some (inaudible). What were the
3 readings?

4 PARTICIPANT: 16 millirem.

5 MR. LEW: The readings, they took readings
6 in DAC.

7 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

8 MR. LEW: Divided air concentration.

9 PARTICIPANT: And what did they come out
10 as?

11 MR. LEW: I think they had maximum -- they
12 had readings as much as two DAC. Near the opening of
13 containment it was about .2 DAC. Currently, they are
14 back to normal levels of about .3 DAC.

15 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

16 TMI-47

17 MR. HUFFMAN: NRC Operations Center
18 recorded line. Can I help you?

19 MR. BARNES: Yes. Good morning. This is
20 Roger Barnes from Three Mile Island. I have an Event
21 Notification Worksheet to read to you.

22 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay, Roger. Hold on,
23 please.

24 MR. BARNES: Okay.

25 MR. HUFFMAN: I'll give you a notification

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1 time of 1:13 a.m.

2 MR. BARNES: 1:13 a.m.

3 MR. HUFFMAN: And this is TMI?

4 MR. BARNES: That's correct.

5 MR. HUFFMAN: And name of the caller is

6 Ron --

7 MR. BARNES: No, Roger, R-O-G-E-R.

8 MR. HUFFMAN: Barnes, B-A-R-N-E-S?

9 MR. BARNES: That's correct.

10 MR. HUFFMAN: And what is your callback
11 number, Mr. Barnes?

12 MR. BARNES: Callback number is area code

13 (b)(6)

(b)(6)

14 MR. HUFFMAN:

15 MR. BARNES: Correct.

16 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. And my name is Bill
17 Huffman, H-U-F-F-M-A-N.

18 MR. BARNES: Bill Huffman, H-U-F-F-M-A-N.

19 MR. HUFFMAN: And I'll give you a
20 notification number of 45514.

21 MR. BARNES: 45514 would be the EN number.

22 MR. HUFFMAN: Correct. And event time?

23 MR. BARNES: Event time 2245 Eastern
24 Standard Time.

25 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. And that would be on

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1 11/20?

2 MR. BARNES: 11/21.

3 MR. HUFFMAN: I mean, 11/21. 11/21, okay.

4 MR. BARNES: That's correct.

5 MR. HUFFMAN: All right. Power before and
6 after is defueled, I assume?

7 MR. BARNES: Yes. We are refueling
8 shutdown mode at this time.

9 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. And you are defueled,
10 right?

11 MR. BARNES: That is correct.

12 MR. HUFFMAN: All right. And what is the
13 event classification?

14 MR. BARNES: Okay. This is an offsite
15 notification.

16 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. So four-hour
17 notification?

18 MR. BARNES: That is correct. It's under
19 the four-hour non-emergency --

20 MR. HUFFMAN: Do you have anything you can
21 fax me after this call?

22 MR. BARNES: You bet. I can fax this
23 right to you.

24 MR. HUFFMAN: All right. It's -- the fax
25 number is 301-816-5151.

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1 MR. BARNES: That would be 301-816-5151.

2 MR. HUFFMAN: Yes. So go ahead and read
3 me your description on your --

4 MR. BARNES: Okay. Would you want me to
5 read it slow or in a normal -- normal speed?

6 MR. HUFFMAN: Normal speed, since you're
7 going to fax it to me.

8 MR. BARNES: Okay, good. This event is
9 being reported via the ENS to the NRC Operations
10 Center within four hours after notifications were made
11 to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and
12 local counties for an event of potential public
13 interest. This notification was made at 2245 hours on
14 November 21, 2009, after the occurrence of an event
15 related to the safety and health of onsite personnel
16 for which a press release has been made.

17 The press release was made following the
18 event of potential public interest notifications.
19 This report is being made under 10 CFR 72.75(b)(2).
20 At approximately 1600 hours on Saturday, November 21,
21 2009, low levels of radiation activity were measured
22 on radiation monitors installed in the Three Mile
23 Island Unit 1 reactor building.

24 At 2245, an event of potential public
25 interest was made. Personnel were directed to

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1 immediately leave the reactor building until the
2 source of activity could be identified. Surveys
3 indicated -- outside of the reactor building
4 construction opening indicated a slight increase in
5 activity. Levels have returned to normal. No
6 contamination was identified outside of the reactor
7 building.

8 Approximately 150 workers were monitored
9 for exposure to the radiation activity. No worker
10 approached or exceeded any exposure limits. The
11 sources of activity are believed to be from
12 maintenance tests related to cutting lines in
13 preparation for removal of the Bravo steam generator.

14 That is the text of the form.

15 MR. HUFFMAN: So has everybody been -- of
16 these 150 people, has everybody been surveyed by HP
17 and cleared?

18 MR. BARNES: I don't know if everybody has
19 been surveyed, but I can get -- I'll write that
20 question down, and we can get back to you on that.

21 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. So, and there was no
22 significance -- so far nobody has received any
23 significant contamination?

24 MR. BARNES: That is correct.

25 MR. HUFFMAN: And are contamination levels

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1 back to acceptable levels, so that you can go in
2 containment now?

3 MR. BARNES: I'm going to have to write
4 that down. At this time, I believe surveys are still
5 going on in the reactor building. But I will write
6 the question down, and, again, someone with a little
7 more knowledge of the current situation can get back
8 to you.

9 MR. HUFFMAN: All right. Is -- and there
10 is no -- there is no ongoing -- whatever caused this
11 radioactive release, I assume it's airborne?

12 MR. BARNES: It was -- it was airborne,
13 correct.

14 MR. HUFFMAN: I assume that -- that
15 whatever caused this, you don't believe it's ongoing.
16 Has it been --

17 MR. BARNES: That is correct.

18 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. And there is no
19 evidence that it went outside of containment?

20 MR. BARNES: Well, reading the form, they
21 -- they did detect a slight bit of contamination --
22 not contamination but radiation levels were slightly
23 elevated on the outside, but no contamination was
24 found on the outside of the reactor building.

25 MR. HUFFMAN: Radiation level, what, just

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1 using handheld instruments or --

2 MR. BARNES: That I'm not sure of either.

3 MR. HUFFMAN: All right. So the
4 ventilation and everything, I guess there are
5 probably, what, big holes in containment. It's
6 probably hard to get ventilation under control, but I
7 assume everything is trying to -- they're trying to
8 put ventilation through HEPA filters and all that.

9 MR. BARNES: Right. What we did was
10 secure the reactor building purge supply fans
11 immediately, and just use the exhaust fans, so all air
12 was coming in through the breach in containment.

13 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. So it's all flowing
14 in, not out.

15 MR. BARNES: That is correct.

16 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. All right. And has
17 the resident been notified?

18 MR. BARNES: Let me -- has the resident
19 been notified? Yes, the resident has been notified.

20 MR. HUFFMAN: You don't know, by any
21 chance, if he is reporting to the site or not, do you?

22 MR. BARNES: Is he reporting to the site?
23 Or has he reported to the site?

24 I'm asking the shift manager. And we
25 don't know the answer to that question.

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1 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. And you did notify
2 state and local authorities?

3 MR. BARNES: That is correct.

4 MR. HUFFMAN: Any other government
5 agencies?

6 MR. BARNES: Just PEMA and the local
7 agencies, as far as I know. Any other agencies been
8 -- no, just PEMA and the local agencies.

9 MR. HUFFMAN: Has media or a press release
10 been issued?

11 MR. BARNES: And a press release was
12 issued.

13 MR. HUFFMAN: By any chance, when you send
14 me the event thing, could you fax me a copy of the
15 press release? Unless it's hard to get hold of.

16 MR. BARNES: Do we have a copy of the
17 press release? Yes, we do, and I can fax that to you.

18 MR. HUFFMAN: That would be great.
19 Anything unusual not understood, other than the cause
20 of the event?

21 MR. BARNES: No.

22 MR. HUFFMAN: Do you think it's related to
23 the cutting of the -- of the line?

24 MR. BARNES: Yes, the cutting of the line
25 for the Bravo steam generator as they were preparing

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1 to --

2 MR. HUFFMAN: All right. And all systems
3 function as required, is that N/A or -- I mean, there
4 is --

5 MR. BARNES: That would be N/A.

6 MR. HUFFMAN: I mean, there was really --
7 there was no actuation of any safety system.

8 MR. BARNES: That is correct. No
9 actuation of safety systems, so that was non-
10 applicable at this time.

11 MR. HUFFMAN: Alarms went off because of
12 high levels. So that all worked fine. Everybody did
13 what they were supposed to do and --

14 MR. BARNES: That is correct. The alarms
15 in containment, they went off, and an immediate
16 evacuation of the reactor building was made.

17 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. All right. Anything
18 else that you have on your worksheet that you need to
19 tell me?

20 MR. BARNES: I'll take one more look.

21 MR. HUFFMAN: And you've got everything
22 you need from me?

23 MR. BARNES: Yes. I have everything I
24 need from you, and I have nothing else in my
25 worksheets to --

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1 MR. HUFFMAN: All right. So you've got
2 the notification number, the notification time. My
3 name is Bill Huffman, and you're going to fax me the
4 sheet and press release to 301-816-5151.

5 MR. BARNES: That's correct.

6 MR. HUFFMAN: All right. Thanks, Roger.

7 MR. BARNES: Okay. Thanks, Bill.

8 MR. HUFFMAN: Bye-bye.

9 MR. BARNES: Bye.

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11 PARTICIPANT: Any other questions?

12 (No response.)

13 Okay. I know it's late. I do appreciate
14 your -- your participation in the call, and we will be
15 available any time tonight if there is additional
16 questions.

17 PARTICIPANT: Thank you.

18 PARTICIPANT: Hey, Beth?

19 MS. HAYDEN: Yeah?

20 PARTICIPANT: Can we talk separately?

21 MS. HAYDEN: Yep.

22 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

23 PARTICIPANT: Any problem if I stay on for
24 that, you guys? Diane and Beth?

25 PARTICIPANT: I'm sorry. What's that?

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1 PARTICIPANT: This is Amy in Congressional
2 Affairs. Can I join in with you guys?

3 PARTICIPANT: Sure.

4 MR. COLLINS: Diane, you and I were in a
5 discussion also about timing for the site --

6 MS. SCRENCI: Yes, we were.

7 MR. COLLINS: -- presence also. So did I
8 understand that you are going to arrange that for the
9 afternoon, is that correct?

10 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah. I would think that it
11 would make most sense for John and Ron to get there to
12 at least to be able to talk to Javier before they talk
13 to reporters. It just doesn't -- I just think it
14 makes a little bit of -- more sense for them to say,
15 you know, "We've begun our work, and now, you know,
16 we're talking to you," and then -- and then go back to
17 work.

18 MR. COLLINS: Sure. Do you think you'll
19 get the reporters out there twice, one for Exelon and
20 once for us?

21 MS. SCRENCI: I think that if we -- if we
22 do it for like noon that maybe they will just push
23 Ralph back.

24 MR. COLLINS: Okay. I understand. Okay.
25 We'll let you work your magic on that, then. You can

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1 just keep the team --

2 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

3 MR. COLLINS: -- informed in the morning.

4 MS. SCRENCI: Okay. I'll do that.

5 MR. COLLINS: All right. Can I keep the
6 Region I team on the bridge? And, Mike, do you want
7 to stay on the line?

8 MR. JOHNSON: I'm --

9 MR. COLLINS: Or are you good to go?

10 MR. JOHNSON: I'm good to go, Sam. Thank
11 you. I'll look for the update in the morning.

12 MR. COLLINS: Yep. We'll give you an
13 e-mail, or do you want to call me?

14 MR. JOHNSON: E-mail is great.

15 MR. COLLINS: All right. We'll do it.

16 MR. JOHNSON: But call if -- either,
17 whatever -- whatever you feel like, Sam.

18 MR. COLLINS: Okay. We'll shoot you an
19 e-mail.

20 PARTICIPANT: Is Diane Screnci still on?
21 This is the Headquarters Operations Center.

22 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

23 PARTICIPANT: Diane? An individual from
24 CNN just called.

25 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

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1 PARTICIPANT: Can I give that to you now?

2 MS. SCRENCI: Sure.

3 PARTICIPANT: It's Janet from CNN. Her
4 number is (b)(6)

5 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

6 PARTICIPANT: Thank you.

7 MS. SCRENCI: Thanks.

8 MR. COLLINS: And you have what you need
9 for that call with her?

10 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah, I think so. I think
11 I'm okay, Sam.

12 MR. COLLINS: All right. If you -- don't
13 hesitate to reach out if you need any information
14 tonight.

15 MS. SCRENCI: Okay. I'll do that.

16 MR. COLLINS: All right?

17 MS. SCRENCI: Thank you.

18 MR. COLLINS: All right, then. Thanks,
19 Diane.

20 PARTICIPANT: Sam, this is Jack. I'm
21 dropping off, okay?

22 MR. COLLINS: All right, Jack. Thanks for
23 joining us. Appreciate it.

24 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Good night.

25 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. Good night.

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1 MS. SCRENCI: Can you separate Beth and
2 Amy and me?

3 MS. FRAY: Do you need me? It's Yvonne.

4 MS. SCRENCI: I don't think so.

5 MS. FRAY: Because we talked off.

6 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

7 PARTICIPANT: Yes. This is the --

8 MS. FRAY: Let me know if you need any
9 support.

10 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. This is the
11 Operations Officer. I'll separate the bridges, and
12 you can just stay on the Commissioner Assistants
13 bridge to talk.

14 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Thanks.

15 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Thank you.

16 MR. COLLINS: Thanks, everybody.

17 PARTICIPANT: Half an hour.

18 MR. COLLINS: Dave, are you all set for
19 the morning as far as getting in there? I'll join you
20 in there probably sometime between 8:00 and 9:00.

21 MR. LEW: Yes. I'm all set. I probably
22 -- I should, at that time, be (inaudible).

23 PARTICIPANT: Okay. The Commissioner
24 Assistants briefing is separated from the NRC
25 management bridge.

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1 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

2 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

3 PARTICIPANT: Diane, are you there?

4 PARTICIPANT: Oh, Diane must have been on
5 the other bridge. I'll pull her out.

6 MR. COLLINS: Hey, are you there? I think
7 Dave and I are there primarily I think just for
8 coordination, to be sure that everything is on the
9 rail.

10 PARTICIPANT: This happened at 1600 hours?

11 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. And it's what? And
12 they were what? And it's what now?

13 PARTICIPANT: Hey, Diane?

14 PARTICIPANT: Yes.

15 PARTICIPANT: Are you on -- is Diane one?

16 PARTICIPANT: Diane, are you on?

17 (No response.)

18 PARTICIPANT: No, she is not on. Let me
19 find her.

20 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

21 PARTICIPANT: We'll take a look and see if
22 -- if there is anything that's (inaudible). The fact
23 that we're getting folks out there tomorrow and there
24 may be more event responsive (inaudible) special
25 inspection.

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1 PARTICIPANT: Would Diane Screnci press
2 star zero, please?

3 MS. SCRENCI: Sure.

4 PARTICIPANT: We'll have to go through the
5 process and make sure (inaudible).

6 PARTICIPANT: Okay, Diane. I'll place you
7 on the bridge with the others.

8 MS. SCRENCI: Thank you.

9 MR. COLLINS: Is there anything else we
10 need to talk about tonight?

11 MR. LEW: Well, no, I think we're all set.

12 MS. SCRENCI: Well, at least I'm not all
13 groggy.

14 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Diane, you're on the
15 bridge now.

16 MS. SCRENCI: Thanks. Okay. I just
17 wanted to -- I did not wake up Neil.

18 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

19 MS. SCRENCI: I sent him the same e-mail
20 that I sent to you.

21 PARTICIPANT: I got it.

22 MS. SCRENCI: So he may or may not know
23 about this. I am planning to drive out to TMI
24 tomorrow.

25 PARTICIPANT: Tomorrow, okay. What time?

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1 MS. SCRENCI: Probably -- you know, I
2 think it takes a little bit over two hours to get
3 there. So probably about 9:00.

4 PARTICIPANT: Okay. So but this isn't
5 considered an event.

6 MS. SCRENCI: It is not. Not in our
7 world.

8 PARTICIPANT: Exactly.

9 MS. SCRENCI: It's not a UE or alert kind
10 of thing, correct.

11 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

12 MS. SCRENCI: But it's getting a lot of
13 attention, and Sam said you want us to -- do we want
14 to go out there and just stand in front of the cameras
15 and be done with it? And it just seems to make the
16 most sense.

17 PARTICIPANT: Yeah, that's fine.

18 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah.

19 PARTICIPANT: I have no problem with that.

20 I have to apologize. I am not sure I understood
21 everything that David Lew told -- said. I had a hard
22 time understanding him. Maybe it was my connection.

23 MS. SCRENCI: Well, I think Dave had a
24 relatively bad connection for some reason during that
25 call. He hasn't the entire night, but, in a nutshell,

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1 they were doing maintenance. You know, they are
2 replacing the steam generators, and this is the plant
3 where they cut the containment.

4 PARTICIPANT: Right.

5 MS. SCRENCI: They have a hole in the
6 containment.

7 PARTICIPANT: Right. Okay.

8 MS. SCRENCI: And, you know, normally, the
9 plant -- and this is not anything that I've told all
10 of the reporters, but normally the plant -- the
11 containment is under negative pressure, so air comes
12 in, doesn't go out.

13 PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

14 MS. SCRENCI: Right?

15 PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

16 MS. SCRENCI: It's not -- they had noticed
17 earlier that they knew -- they know that it wasn't
18 under negative pressure, because they -- I think that
19 they did have the plastic there.

20 PARTICIPANT: Yeah?

21 MS. SCRENCI: Because they said that they
22 could see it moving --

23 PARTICIPANT: Oh, okay.

24 MS. SCRENCI: -- earlier. I think that
25 was the question is is whether it is actually there

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1 when the alarm went off, and I don't think we do know
2 the answer to that. But we know that it was there at
3 some point during the day, but they were doing a lot
4 of work during the day.

5 So, you know, they're working along, and
6 all of a sudden the alarm goes off, and they -- you
7 know, they keep calling it they sent the workers home,
8 and I've gone --

9 PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

10 MS. SCRENCI: -- with that, too, so that
11 you don't use the word "evacuate."

12 PARTICIPANT: Uh-huh, okay.

13 MS. SCRENCI: Their press release says
14 that they sent the workers home, because once this
15 happened you are not doing any work, and you really
16 don't need them there. So, you know, at least most of
17 that is -- it's mostly true.

18 PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

19 MS. SCRENCI: They evacuated that floor
20 because the alarms went off. They sent everybody home
21 because now they can't do the work.

22 PARTICIPANT: I see.

23 MS. SCRENCI: Some of the -- as they were
24 going through the portal monitor, they were -- some of
25 the workers were just clearing it. Some of them were

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1 setting it off. And when you set it off, they sent
2 you for the whole body count. Some of those workers
3 -- some of the workers that got the whole body count
4 showed, I don't know, 15 -- 16 millirem.

5 PARTICIPANT: 16 was the highest they
6 said?

7 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah, 16 was the highest. I
8 have it written down somewhere. It's in the e-mail.
9 Three was the lowest millirem.

10 PARTICIPANT: Oh, okay.

11 MS. SCRENCI: It was real low numbers.
12 This does not have an impact on the public or the
13 workers.

14 PARTICIPANT: Uh-huh, okay. Yeah, it's
15 low. We know that it's low. But, you know, any
16 radiation gets everybody excited.

17 MS. SCRENCI: Yes. Now --

18 PARTICIPANT: And that plant in particular
19 I would think.

20 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

21 PARTICIPANT: Is that (inaudible)?

22 MS. SCRENCI: That's what ABC told me.

23 PARTICIPANT: What are we telling the
24 media?

25 MS. SCRENCI: I am telling them that --

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1 well, I tell them that they were doing maintenance and
2 the airborne monitors alarmed at about 4:00. They had
3 all their workers leave the area, that the -- that
4 some of the workers had -- were exposed to -- had
5 radiation exposures, but there was no significant
6 contamination. This didn't have an impact on the
7 workers or the public. That we're sending a
8 specialist to the site, and --

9 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. What kind of
10 specialist is that?

11 MS. SCRENCI: He's a radiation specialist.
12 John White is the Branch Chief that includes the
13 radiation specialists.

14 PARTICIPANT: Okay. All right.

15 MS. SCRENCI: The HPs and the reactor HPs.

16 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

17 MS. SCRENCI: And John White --
18 fortunately, John White also decided to go to the
19 site, because he is really good with the reporters.

20 PARTICIPANT: Uh-huh. Uh-huh. I finally
21 got to -- got the press release and your e-mail to me,
22 which is a help. Thank you very much. I don't know
23 why I can't get into Web Mail, but thank God they got
24 my Blackberry squared away Friday.

25 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah, same here. And I have

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1 Exelon's release that you sent me.

2 PARTICIPANT: Good.

3 MS. SCRENCI: Thanks.

4 PARTICIPANT: I tried -- I did attempt to
5 call you at some point. It was like 11:20. And when
6 I got your voice mail, I didn't -- I didn't try again.

7 MS. SCRENCI: I didn't know there was
8 going to be a Commissioners Assistants brief until
9 like 10 after 12:00.

10 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. I think they called
11 me at quarter of 1:00 and told me to call back.

12 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah. There was some
13 question about, you know, with Congressional Affairs
14 -- I've talked to Yvonne, because she had e-mailed me.

15 PARTICIPANT: Right, right.

16 MS. SCRENCI: And she was on the call, and
17 -- and I told her that I'm fine.

18 PARTICIPANT: Okay. And I sent her
19 everything also.

20 MS. SCRENCI: Okay. All right. Well, if
21 there's any way -- any help you need, please --

22 PARTICIPANT: It sounds like you have --

23 MS. SCRENCI: -- come by tomorrow and do
24 the press conference. There you go.

25 PARTICIPANT: Okay. That's fine.

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1 (Laughter.)

2 PARTICIPANT: Hey, Diane, can you talk --
3 talk me through. It wasn't an evacuation, but they
4 sent people home? Talk me through that nuance again.

5 MS. SCRENCI: Usually you don't -- you
6 don't use the word "evacuation."

7 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

8 MS. SCRENCI: Right, so it -- but really
9 what they did was they evacuated the reactor floor --
10 the containment floor. So all of the -- there were
11 about 150 workers in there. They had them all come
12 out of there. And then, they decided to send them
13 home, and when you're leaving the plant, you know how
14 you go through those monitors --

15 PARTICIPANT: Yes. Yep, yep.

16 MS. SCRENCI: -- that's what -- some of
17 those workers were setting off the monitors.

18 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

19 PARTICIPANT: Do they know where the heck
20 this radiation came from?

21 MS. SCRENCI: Apparently, they were -- you
22 know, it's contamination, so they were cutting lots of
23 pipes and doing lots of work yesterday. They said
24 that there were multiple activities that this could
25 have -- that could have caused this, and they don't

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1 know at this point.

2 PARTICIPANT: Okay. All right. So I
3 assume Ralph is in touch with you off and on?

4 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah. I have -- actually, I
5 have talked to Beth Archer mostly, but I did talk
6 to --

7 PARTICIPANT: Oh, okay.

8 MS. SCRENCI: -- Ralph once I found out
9 that he was going to do interviews in the morning,
10 because I wanted to know that time he was going to do
11 those.

12 PARTICIPANT: Yep.

13 MS. SCRENCI: The ops officer offered to
14 stop forwarding calls to me, so that I could go to
15 sleep.

16 PARTICIPANT: I was just going to say,
17 yeah, okay. So are you going to call back the CNN
18 person and then -

19 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah.

20 PARTICIPANT: -- call it quits?

21 PARTICIPANT: Well, you know, if they get
22 that stupid headline corrected, that would be a big
23 help.

24 MS. SCRENCI: You know what's interesting
25 about that is they have -- they have removed the

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1 story, because my name is in it now, not spelled
2 correctly, but --

3 PARTICIPANT: Oh.

4 MS. SCRENCI: -- but it --

5 PARTICIPANT: Wow.

6 MS. SCRENCI: It's amazing it wasn't me.
7 It was some person with an H in their name.

8 (Laughter.)

9 PARTICIPANT: Got you on a technicality.

10 PARTICIPANT: Uh-huh.

11 MS. SCRENCI: Well, I was just surprised
12 that this all happened at 4:00, and then everybody
13 gets all wound up at midnight.

14 PARTICIPANT: At 1:00 a.m., yeah.

15 MS. SCRENCI: Well, Beth Archer called me
16 -- let me think when that was -- and then I started to
17 -- I don't know what time it was. I was watching a
18 move, maybe it was quarter to 10:00 or something like
19 that.

20 PARTICIPANT: Uh-huh, uh-huh.

21 MS. SCRENCI: And then, by quarter after
22 10:00 I was on a conference call. I started to
23 immediately call somebody and I thought, nah, I'll
24 just wait for them to put me on the conference call.

25 (Laughter.)

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1 And they put out a press release at 11:30,
2 but I don't --

3 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

4 MS. SCRENCI: -- think that they intended
5 to put out a press release tonight until they -- they
6 started to get calls about it.

7 PARTICIPANT: Sure.

8 MS. SCRENCI: And that was the workers in
9 line waiting to get monitored.

10 PARTICIPANT: Oh, yeah.

11 MS. SCRENCI: Because the TV station told
12 me, "I understand there are people waiting in line to
13 leave the plant."

14 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Well, that's why I
15 was wondering what happened to these contaminated
16 people. Okay.

17 MS. SCRENCI: I mean, you're just get
18 decontaminated and go home.

19 PARTICIPANT: Yeah, okay.

20 MS. SCRENCI: But I think that there was

21 (b)(7)(A)
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1 PARTICIPANT: Oh, great.

2 MS. SCRENCI: So I don't -- I didn't hear
3 all of Dave's discussion, so if there was any talk of
4 (b)(7)(A)
5
6
7

8 PARTICIPANT: Ah.

9 MS. SCRENCI: (b)(7)(A)
10 (b)(7)(A)

11 PARTICIPANT: Ah. Okay. I don't remember
12 him saying anything about that.

13 MS. SCRENCI: He may not have on that
14 call, but, you know, if you were part of any of the --
15 I've been on the phone at this point since 10:00,
16 something like that.

17 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Yikes.

18 MS. SCRENCI: Right.

19 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Well, I don't want
20 to --

21 MS. SCRENCI: I never did see the end of
22 the movie.

23 (Laughter.)

24 PARTICIPANT: What movie? The butler did
25 it.

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1 MS. SCRENCI: Revolutionary Road.

2 PARTICIPANT: Oh, okay. I was watching
3 Top Hat.

4 (Laughter.)

5 Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

6 MS. SCRENCI: I think that was a better
7 movie.

8 PARTICIPANT: Oh, yeah?

9 MS. SCRENCI: Hard to beat the classics
10 sometimes.

11 PARTICIPANT: All right. Well, we'll let
12 you go.

13 PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

14 PARTICIPANT: Again, if you need anything,
15 call me. I'll be at home, obviously.

16 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

17 PARTICIPANT: And --

18 PARTICIPANT: Well, I'll fill Neil in,
19 because he is --

20 PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

21 PARTICIPANT: -- you know that I can't use
22 my phone in the car because of that Presidential
23 directive.

24 PARTICIPANT: Oh, yeah, I know. I pointed
25 that out to Elliott.

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1 (Laughter.)

2 PARTICIPANT: Yeah, yeah. I'll bet that
3 was heated.

4 PARTICIPANT: Oh, yeah. I'm sure he was
5 just --

6 PARTICIPANT: He said, "Oh, right.
7 Forgot."

8 PARTICIPANT: Oh, yeah, sure. "Let me not
9 do that anymore."

10 PARTICIPANT: Right, yeah. I'll get right
11 on that.

12 (Laughter.)

13 Wow.

14 PARTICIPANT: But --

15 PARTICIPANT: Okay. I'll put up -- just
16 so we're clear, I'll put up something quickly to the
17 congressionals, just so they're not surprised by it or
18 they have at least heard from us.

19 PARTICIPANT: Right. Because at this
20 point they're going to hear it on CNN.

21 PARTICIPANT: Exactly.

22 PARTICIPANT: Not --

23 PARTICIPANT: Hey, Amy, would you be --
24 would you typically send them the licensee's press
25 release?

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1 PARTICIPANT: No, I wouldn't.
2 PARTICIPANT: No?
3 PARTICIPANT: Nope.
4 PARTICIPANT: Okay.
5 PARTICIPANT: They'll tell our story.
6 PARTICIPANT: They have --
7 PARTICIPANT: Well, I have notified, you
8 know, the multitudes. They may --
9 PARTICIPANT: Yeah.
10 PARTICIPANT: I don't know whether --
11 PARTICIPANT: I'm sure they probably --
12 they should have. They are usually good about that.
13 PARTICIPANT: Yeah.
14 PARTICIPANT: Yeah.
15 PARTICIPANT: One of the reporters who
16 said something like, "Well, we don't know if we can
17 trust that company, because you remember TMI?" And I
18 said, "You know, it has been a long time, and I think
19 they're a little better than they were then."
20 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. Yeah. I was
21 surprised on the conference call, I don't think that
22 -- maybe everybody was asleep, but no -- hardly
23 anybody had any questions with regard to the -- you
24 know, what was going on technically.
25 PARTICIPANT: No. No.

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1 PARTICIPANT: And, you know, it -- a
2 briefing like that at 2:00 in the afternoon gets a lot
3 of calls -- I mean, gets a lot of questions.

4 PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

5 PARTICIPANT: I think everybody is half-
6 awake, but, you know, I think --

7 PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

8 PARTICIPANT: -- Dave sounds tired, too.

9 PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

10 PARTICIPANT: So --

11 PARTICIPANT: Okay. All right. Well,
12 again, if there's anything you need, let me know.

13 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

14 PARTICIPANT: Okay?

15 PARTICIPANT: I'll let you know how it
16 goes tomorrow.

17 PARTICIPANT: All right. Thank you,
18 Diane.

19 PARTICIPANT: Thanks.

20 PARTICIPANT: Thank you, both.

21 PARTICIPANT: Bye.

22 TMI-48_1

23 PARTICIPANT: Any other questions?

24 (No response.)

25 Okay. I know it's late. I do appreciate

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1 your -- your participation in the call, and we will be
2 available any time tonight if there is additional
3 questions.

4 PARTICIPANT: Thank you.

5 PARTICIPANT: Hey, Beth?

6 MS. HAYDEN: Yeah?

7 PARTICIPANT: Can we talk separately?

8 MS. HAYDEN: Yep.

9 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

10 PARTICIPANT: Any problem if I stay on for
11 that, you guys? Diane and Beth?

12 PARTICIPANT: I'm sorry. What's that?

13 PARTICIPANT: This is Amy in Congressional
14 Affairs. Can I join in with you guys?

15 PARTICIPANT: Sure.

16 MR. COLLINS: Diane, you and I were in a
17 discussion also about timing for the site --

18 MS. SCRENCI: Yes, we were.

19 MR. COLLINS: -- presence also. So did I
20 understand that you are going to arrange that for the
21 afternoon, is that correct?

22 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah. I would think that it
23 would make most sense for John and Ron to get there to
24 at least to be able to talk to Javier before they talk
25 to reporters. It just doesn't -- I just think it

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1 makes a little bit of -- more sense for them to say,
2 you know, "We've begun our work, and now, you know,
3 we're talking to you," and then -- and then go back to
4 work.

5 MR. COLLINS: Sure. Do you think you'll
6 get the reporters out there twice, one for Exelon and
7 once for us?

8 MS. SCRENCI: I think that if we -- if we
9 do it for like noon that maybe they will just push
10 Ralph back.

11 MR. COLLINS: Okay. I understand. Okay.
12 We'll let you work your magic on that, then. You can
13 just keep the team --

14 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

15 MR. COLLINS: -- informed in the morning.

16 MS. SCRENCI: Okay. I'll do that.

17 MR. COLLINS: All right. Can I keep the
18 Region I team on the bridge? And, Mike, do you want
19 to stay on the line?

20 MR. JOHNSON: I'm --

21 MR. COLLINS: Or are you good to go? .

22 MR. JOHNSON: I'm good to go, Sam. Thank
23 you. I'll look for the update in the morning.

24 MR. COLLINS: Yep. We'll give you an
25 e-mail, or do you want to call me?

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1 MR. JOHNSON: E-mail is great.

2 MR. COLLINS: All right. We'll do it.

3 MR. JOHNSON: But call if -- either,
4 whatever -- whatever you feel like, Sam.

5 MR. COLLINS: Okay. We'll shoot you an
6 e-mail.

7 PARTICIPANT: Is Diane Screnci still on?
8 This is the Headquarters Operations Center.

9 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

10 PARTICIPANT: Diane? An individual from
11 CNN just called.

12 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

13 PARTICIPANT: Can I give that to you now?

14 MS. SCRENCI: Sure.

15 PARTICIPANT: It's Janet from CNN. Her
16 number is (b)(6)

17 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

18 PARTICIPANT: Thank you.

19 MS. SCRENCI: Thanks.

20 MR. COLLINS: And you have what you need
21 for that call with her?

22 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah, I think so. I think
23 I'm okay, Sam.

24 MR. COLLINS: All right. If you -- don't
25 hesitate to reach out if you need any information

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1 tonight.

2 MS. SCRENCI: Okay. I'll do that.

3 MR. COLLINS: All right?

4 MS. SCRENCI: Thank you.

5 MR. COLLINS: All right, then. Thanks,
6 Diane.

7 PARTICIPANT: Sam, this is Jack. I'm
8 dropping off, okay?

9 MR. COLLINS: All right, Jack. Thanks for
10 joining us. Appreciate it.

11 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Good night.

12 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. Good night.

13 MS. SCRENCI: Can you separate Beth and
14 Amy and me?

15 MS. FRAY: Do you need me? It's Yvonne.

16 MS. SCRENCI: I don't think so.

17 MS. FRAY: Because we talked off.

18 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

19 PARTICIPANT: Yes. This is the --

20 MS. FRAY: Let me know if you need any
21 support.

22 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. This is the
23 Operations Officer. I'll separate the bridges, and
24 you can just stay on the Commissioner Assistants
25 bridge to talk.

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1 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Thanks.

2 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Thank you.

3 MR. COLLINS: Thanks, everybody.

4 PARTICIPANT: Half an hour.

5 MR. COLLINS: Dave, are you all set for
6 the morning as far as getting in there? I'll join you
7 in there probably sometime between 8:00 and 9:00.

8 TMI-48_2

9 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center
10 recorded line. May I help you?

11 MS. SCRENCI: Hi. It's Diane Screnci.

12 PARTICIPANT: Diane, hi. I hope you
13 called this Janet, because she is --

14 MS. SCRENCI: I did. I just got off the
15 phone with her.

16 PARTICIPANT: Excellent. Thank you.

17 MS. SCRENCI: I just wound up being on the
18 phone with Beth and Amy for a while.

19 PARTICIPANT: Oh, okay.

20 MS. SCRENCI: If you could hold calls, I
21 want to get some sleep.

22 PARTICIPANT: Will do. I'll just tell
23 them that we'll have you contact them in the morning.

24 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah. And then I'll call --
25 I'll probably be up about 8:00 or before that, and

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1 I'll just call and get the messages then.

2 PARTICIPANT: All right. You've been
3 terrific. Sorry to keep bugging you.

4 MS. SCRENCI: Oh, that's okay.

5 PARTICIPANT: And there -- yeah. I think
6 if it hadn't -- it had been another site besides TMI,
7 none of this would have happened.

8 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah. Well, yeah. You know
9 --

10 PARTICIPANT: There's something about TMI.

11 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah. And you know what?

12 PARTICIPANT: It's got name recognition.

13 MS. SCRENCI: And that's what's funny,
14 because that's what the reporters -- not that -- not
15 the local reporters, but that's what the bigger
16 reporters say to me. They go, "You know, this is TMI.
17 They had the accident." I'm like, "No."

18 PARTICIPANT: Oh, really? They did?

19 (Laughter.)

20 Wow. I didn't remember that.

21 (Laughter.)

22 Good job, Diane.

23 MS. SCRENCI: Thanks. Thanks for your
24 help.

25 PARTICIPANT: All right. Bye-bye.

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1 MS. SCRENCI: Bye-bye.

2 TMI-49

3 MR. HUFFMAN: NRC Operations Center
4 recorded line. Can I help you?

5 MR. PARFITT: Yes. My name is Brad
6 Parfitt. I'm the shift manager at Three Mile Island.
7 We've given you an ENS notification earlier this
8 evening.

9 MR. HUFFMAN: Yeah, Brad.

10 MR. PARFITT: Hey. And I think it was
11 Bill Huffman that --

12 MR. HUFFMAN: You're talking to him right
13 now.

14 MR. PARFITT: Oh, okay, Bill. So I just
15 wanted to get back to you with the follow-up questions
16 that you had.

17 MR. HUFFMAN: Oh. Oh, great. Fine.

18 MR. PARFITT: Okay?

19 MR. HUFFMAN: Yes.

20 MR. PARFITT: So the first question we had
21 was: has everyone been surveyed?

22 MR. HUFFMAN: Right.

23 MR. PARFITT: So of the 132, roughly,
24 people involved, all have gone through the personnel
25 contamination monitors. There's 132 of those --

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1 alarmed the contamination monitors, and we're doing
2 follow-up whole body counts on those individuals. And
3 as of 0200, all but 39 of those have been whole body
4 counted.

5 MR. HUFFMAN: Well, let me ask, so how
6 many actually alarmed the monitors?

7 MR. PARFITT: 132. I believe there were
8 150 people --

9 MR. HUFFMAN: 132 that had some level of
10 contamination.

11 MR. PARFITT: That's correct.

12 MR. HUFFMAN: And then, of those,
13 everybody has been whole -- how many have been whole
14 body -- or how many are left to whole body count?

15 MR. PARFITT: 39 as of 45 minutes ago.

16 MR. HUFFMAN: 39 left for whole body
17 count. And of the ones that have had whole body
18 counts, nobody showed any significant contamination?

19 MR. PARFITT: No. The highest -- the
20 highest dose from the whole body count I'm told is 26
21 millirem, and, of course, that is on the initial body
22 count, will be --

23 MR. HUFFMAN: That was all external?

24 MR. PARFITT: That was -- well, and that's
25 what we'll be doing follow-up whole body counts on, to

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1 determine how much of that was external. We suspect
2 that a very large portion of that was external. We'll
3 be following that up with whole body counts again
4 tomorrow to determine -- get a better handle on how
5 much -- how much, if any, internal contamination there
6 was.

7 MR. HUFFMAN: Do you know what the isotope
8 was?

9 MR. PARFITT: Actually, yeah. There were
10 several isotopes that we saw in the air samples.
11 Predominant isotope was cobalt-58.

12 MR. HUFFMAN: All right.

13 MR. PARFITT: Some cobalt-60.

14 MR. HUFFMAN: All right.

15 MR. PARFITT: At least some of the air --
16 I don't have the whole body count results, but we did
17 see in the air sample zirconium-95, niobium-95,
18 chromium-51.

19 MR. HUFFMAN: All right.

20 MR. PARFITT: And that would -- you know,
21 typical RCS activity.

22 MR. HUFFMAN: Those are typical --

23 MR. PARFITT: Yeah.

24 MR. HUFFMAN: -- for some of the stuff you
25 might find in a pipe.

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1 MR. PARFITT: Exactly.

2 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. And what -- I can't
3 even remember what my second question was.

4 MR. PARFITT: Second question was: how
5 did -- how were the radiation levels detected on the
6 outside of the reactor building?

7 MR. HUFFMAN: Oh, yeah, that's right.

8 MR. PARFITT: So when the event first
9 occurred, we had numerous, you know, real-time
10 radiation monitors in there, AMS-4s. Those alarms --
11 and that was the first indication that there was an
12 issue.

13 MR. HUFFMAN: That was internal to
14 containment, though, right?

15 MR. PARFITT: That was in containment,
16 right. But specifically to the -- at the outside of
17 the reactor building we have air samplers at both
18 hatches, the equipment hatch and the personnel hatch.

19 MR. HUFFMAN: All right.

20 MR. PARFITT: As well as at this
21 construction opening that we have for the removal and
22 the delivery of the new steam generators.

23 MR. HUFFMAN: All right.

24 MR. PARFITT: And that's how we determined
25 what was potentially leaving the building or --

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1 MR. HUFFMAN: Those were just -- those
2 were -- those were detected at the air samplers.

3 MR. PARFITT: Correct.

4 MR. HUFFMAN: But nothing -- but as far as
5 your event report indicated, there was really nothing
6 out -- out --

7 MR. PARFITT: There was no --

8 MR. HUFFMAN: -- at --

9 MR. PARFITT: -- you know, surface
10 contamination anywhere outside the reactor building.

11 MR. HUFFMAN: You surveyed all around
12 outside and --

13 MR. PARFITT: That's correct, yeah. We
14 had -- up in that construction opening there is a
15 whole delivery system of steel girders and that type
16 of thing that are moving the generators out, and then
17 the new ones back in. That has all been surveyed, and
18 nothing was found up there.

19 MR. HUFFMAN: All right. All right, very
20 good. And what was your name again, sir?

21 MR. PARFITT: Brad Parfitt, P-A-R, F as in
22 Frank, I-T-T.

23 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. Mr. Parfitt, I
24 really --

25 MR. PARFITT: And you had one other

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1 questions, too, that I've got here. It says -- the
2 other question you had: how soon will the building be
3 released for access?

4 MR. HUFFMAN: Right. I forgot, yeah.

5 MR. PARFITT: Everything except -- at this
6 point, everything except the Bravo D-ring that appears
7 to be where the source of the problem was have been
8 released for access. That was -- that was complete by
9 0100.

10 And the Bravo -- I talked to our rad
11 protection people. The Bravo D-ring could --

12 MR. HUFFMAN: The Bravo -- I'm not
13 familiar with the B&W design.

14 MR. PARFITT: Okay.

15 MR. HUFFMAN: So what we have is the steam
16 generator it sits on?

17 MR. PARFITT: Within, yeah. We have a
18 biological shield around the reactor and the two steam
19 generators. Each steam generator and its associated
20 reactor coolant pumps are inside this biological
21 shield that we call a D-ring.

22 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. So the Bravo D-ring
23 is the one around the Bravo steam generator.

24 MR. PARFITT: That's correct.

25 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. Gotcha.

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1 MR. PARFITT: And that could be released
2 for access at this point, but we're still, you know --
3 I guess for lack of a better term, we basically still
4 have it quarantined while we're doing our
5 investigation to determine the exact source.

6 MR. HUFFMAN: And is there any -- is this
7 impeding any access to any safety equipment or
8 maturity issues or anything?

9 MR. PARFITT: Nope. Absolutely not.

10 MR. HUFFMAN: All right. Very good.

11 MR. PARFITT: Okay?

12 MR. HUFFMAN: By, Mr. Parfitt.

13 MR. PARFITT: Okay. Thank you.

14 MR. HUFFMAN: Thank you. Bye.

15 MR. PARFITT: Bye.

16 TMI-50

17 MR. HUFFMAN: NRC Operations Center
18 recorded line. May I help you?

19 MR. LEW: Hi. This is Dave Lew from
20 Region I.

21 MR. HUFFMAN: Hey, Dave.

22 MR. LEW: Good morning.

23 MR. HUFFMAN: Good morning to you.

24 MR. LEW: Is this Vince?

25 MR. HUFFMAN: I'm sorry. What?

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1 MR. LEW: I'm sorry. Who is this?

2 MR. HUFFMAN: This is Bill Huffman.

3 MR. LEW: Bill. Bill, how are you doing?

4 I got your e-mail from last night.

5 MR. HUFFMAN: Yes.

6 MR. LEW: Yeah, Bill, we are still trying
7 to make sure we have a handle on all of the media
8 issues and events. And what I would like to do, if
9 there is availability, to just set up an open bridge
10 that people can call directly in and provide
11 information to all of those who may need it. Would
12 you be able to do that?

13 MR. HUFFMAN: I can set you up with a
14 bridge. You can't -- you won't be able to dial into
15 it directly. But if you dial us, we'll put you up
16 there, and then --

17 MR. LEW: Right, right. Yeah, I would
18 expect that we will have folks calling you and asking
19 to be put on the -- I guess the TMI bridge here.

20 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. We'll set you up with
21 a bridge.

22 MR. LEW: Thanks. Any other new
23 information?

24 MR. HUFFMAN: No. I -- I just recently
25 did another media search, and the -- you know, a news

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1 report came up, but it was -- it actually was quoting
2 Diane Screnci. So it was pretty fair.

3 MR. LEW: Yeah. I saw that article from
4 you. I looked at -- but I wasn't sure whether or not
5 there were still inquiries from other agencies or --

6 MR. HUFFMAN: No. We had a couple more
7 after you guys dispersed, which we sent on to Diane.

8 MR. LEW: Okay.

9 MR. HUFFMAN: And then, finally, Diane
10 called uncle and said, "If anybody else calls, just
11 take the number and tell them I'll get back to them in
12 the morning," and as it went this -- you know, by this
13 time it was about 2:00, nobody called after that.

14 MR. LEW: Okay.

15 MR. HUFFMAN: So I guess even the
16 reporters slow down after that, but no, nobody else
17 called after that.

18 MR. LEW: Okay.

19 MR. HUFFMAN: So, yeah, the -- so things
20 seemed to have settled down quite a bit now that
21 everybody is recognizing this really wasn't much.

22 MR. LEW: Yeah, yeah. I think it was --

23 MR. HUFFMAN: Are you -- the only question
24 I got -- Amy Powell asked us if the resident was
25 actually onsite last night. And we called the

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1 licensee, and the licensee said they hadn't seen him,
2 but they didn't know.

3 MR. LEW: Right.

4 MR. HUFFMAN: So we -- we were uncertain
5 what the answer -- so I -- I wrote an e-mail back to
6 Amy saying that -- that we asked the licensee, they
7 didn't know, so we didn't know what the status of the
8 resident was.

9 MR. LEW: Yeah. He was -- he was in the
10 -- on the site early in the day. And I think when we
11 were having the calls he was at home.

12 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay.

13 MR. LEW: And we were only one -- he did
14 have a backup, because the senior resident was out
15 of --

16 MR. HUFFMAN: On vacation, yeah.

17 MR. LEW: Yeah.

18 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. All right. Well,
19 that's the only -- that's the only issue that came up.
20 You know, Amy is Congressional Affairs. And I don't
21 know why she wanted the answer to that question, but
22 that was the only one we couldn't answer.

23 MR. LEW: Yeah. It's always good to say
24 that the residents were onsite. We can probably say
25 the residents were onsite during the day, which is

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1 true.

2 MR. HUFFMAN: Yeah.

3 MR. LEW: And that we will have more --
4 more folks coming in. That was Amy Powell from OCA,
5 right?

6 MR. HUFFMAN: That's right.

7 MR. LEW: Okay, got it. Thank you, Bill.

8 MR. HUFFMAN: All right. And, you know,
9 they can call in and -- and who is going to -- is
10 there going to be -- is there going to be a set
11 conference, or are you just going to have one person
12 stay on the bridge, and then as other people come up
13 just brief them, or how are you going to arrange that?

14 MR. LEW: I was going to just have -- I
15 was going to just have -- let folks know that if they
16 get information they can tie into the bridge. And
17 I'll probably just stay on the bridge here.

18 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay.

19 MR. LEW: Sam is here, so I can just bring
20 him in easily.

21 MR. HUFFMAN: I'm -- so you want me to go
22 ahead and transfer you up there now?

23 MR. LEW: Yes.

24 MR. HUFFMAN: And you'll stay up there?
25 Okay.

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1 MR. LEW: Yes. And we may set up a call a
2 little bit later to brief the principals, but I don't
3 expect us to have any real good new information until
4 at least 10:00.

5 MR. HUFFMAN: All right. I'm going to
6 send -- I'm going to transfer you.

7 MR. LEW: Okay.

8 MR. HUFFMAN: And just follow the prompts.

9 MR. LEW: Thank you.

10 MR. HUFFMAN: All right. bye.

11 MR. LEW: Bye.

12 TMI-51

13 MS. ROSS-LEE: Hello?

14 PARTICIPANT: Hi, Mary Jane. This is the
15 NRC Operations Center recorded line.

16 MS. ROSS-LEE: Yes.

17 PARTICIPANT: Can you talk?

18 MS. ROSS-LEE: Sure.

19 PARTICIPANT: We sent you an e-mail around
20 7:39 this morning.

21 MS. ROSS-LEE: Okay.

22 PARTICIPANT: On the TMI incident. They
23 basically had an offsite notification, but the
24 question that comes from Cindy Jones, "Is this
25 reportable under INES requirements?" Our analysis

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1 says it's not, but we told Cindy that we would also
2 consult with you to make sure that we're not missing
3 anything. Do you know anything about what happened at
4 TMI last night?

5 MS. ROSS-LEE: No. Actually, I don't,
6 so --

7 PARTICIPANT: Okay. What happened is we
8 eventually had --

9 MS. ROSS-LEE: I can pull it up and look
10 at it.

11 PARTICIPANT: -- a Commissioners Assistant
12 briefing. That's what the culmination was last night.
13 But basically they were doing some work in the
14 refueling/defueled state on their -- on a steam
15 generator changeout. They cut some pipes. They got
16 some activity in the air, and they had to evacuate
17 containment.

18 And they had a worker that came out with I
19 think 26 millirem total dose. That's the highest
20 reported dose. They monitored the outside of
21 containment. There did not appear to be a release
22 outside containment. But, still, because it's TMI
23 there was heightened awareness by the news media.

24 MS. ROSS-LEE: Right, right, right. Yeah,
25 definitely.

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1 PARTICIPANT: Including CNN and such.

2 MS. ROSS-LEE: Okay. Okay.

3 PARTICIPANT: So, and there's an event
4 that was -- we wrote up last night, and we sent the
5 event that -- Cindy asked us to evaluate, which we
6 did, and we said based on our -- our read it is less
7 than a Level 2 based on the INES scale. But we also
8 said that we would get you in the loop, or your group
9 in the loop, so that you all can evaluate to see if
10 there is some other angle that you all can see that
11 requires this to be reported.

12 MS. ROSS-LEE: Okay. All right. Well, I
13 tell you what. I did not look at the event yet this
14 morning.

15 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

16 MS. ROSS-LEE: So let me take a look at
17 it, and the information you have given me, and if I
18 come to any other different decision on this, I will
19 certainly get back -- you know, I will call back in.

20 PARTICIPANT: Well, can you just let us --
21 I guess let us know --

22 MS. ROSS-LEE: One way or the other?

23 PARTICIPANT: Yes. Just say, you know,
24 it's -- agree or disagree, you know? If you Reply
25 All, then that will include Cindy.

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1 MS. ROSS-LEE: Okay. All right. Sure,
2 I'll do that.

3 PARTICIPANT: Thank you, Mary Jane.

4 MS. ROSS-LEE: All right. Bye.

5 PARTICIPANT: Bye.

6 TMI-52

7 FEMALE VOICE: Someone has entered the
8 conference.

9 PARTICIPANT: Diane Screnci, Public
10 Affairs.

11 MR. LEW: Hi, Diane. This is Dave.

12 MS. SCRENCI: Hi, Dave. How are you?

13 MR. LEW: I'm fine. Thank you.

14 MS. SCRENCI: Hey, the ops officers tell
15 me that once I told them I was going to bed and to
16 hold the calls, we didn't get any more. I should have
17 done that earlier.

18 MR. LEW: Yes.

19 (Laughter.)

20 I heard that. I heard that.

21 Do you have -- I lost track. There were
22 so many people you touched base with. Who -- well,
23 before we get to that, where are you, and what's your
24 status?

25 MS. SCRENCI: I am home still getting

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1 dressed.

2 MR. LEW: Okay.

3 MS. SCRENCI: And then I'm going to -- I
4 want to talk to John White, and then I still haven't
5 -- I didn't get Neil. He was at mass this morning
6 when I called.

7 MR. LEW: Right.

8 MS. SCRENCI: So I'm trying to do all of
9 that and then run in and grab my computer and then go
10 out to TMI. But I need to talk to John White first,
11 and then Neil can put out that note to editors letting
12 them know what time we're going to do it.

13 MR. LEW: Okay. And what is the time
14 right now? You said 2:00 p.m., was that --

15 MS. SCRENCI: I'm thinking either like
16 12:30 or 1:00, not longer after they've gotten there,
17 but not the moment they arrive.

18 MR. LEW: Okay.

19 MS. SCRENCI: I think you should be able
20 to kind of get yourself together, run in, go to the
21 bathroom, you know?

22 MR. LEW: Yes. So this will be a press
23 briefing?

24 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah.

25 MR. LEW: Okay. At the Training Center.

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1 MS. SCRENCI: Yes. I think we are going
2 to do it outside. It makes a nice scene.

3 MR. LEW: Right. And, you know, as -- if
4 you want to get hold of John for an update at some
5 point, you know, doing it on this line is -- would be
6 good, because I can also add in the additional
7 information that --

8 MS. SCRENCI: Oh. And then we won't have
9 to call and tell you also.

10 MR. LEW: Yeah.

11 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

12 MR. LEW: There is -- just to give you a
13 heads up here, they -- there was not much significant
14 difference from yesterday, although they do suspect
15 that there -- they have two areas that they are
16 expecting to be the cause.

17 One is they -- they are leaning toward a
18 -- possibly a small plug being welded at the bottom of
19 the steam generator, and that there was a HEPA filter
20 that tripped off. It was connected by an extension
21 cord and it got tripped off. That was one
22 possibility.

23 The second possibility was work on the
24 Alpha cold leg support. Basically, they were doing
25 pipe end decon and preparation activities. You know,

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1 after you cut the pipe, you want to decon and prep
2 the --

3 MS. SCRENCI: Oh, okay.

4 MR. LEW: -- welding. So on that one they
5 found a lot of high contamination, so they are
6 investigating whether that could be the source as
7 well. Other than that --

8 MS. SCRENCI: Hey, let me ask you a
9 question. One of the news articles said that there --
10 it quoted TMI as saying that 100 people had been
11 contaminated. It said there were 150 people on the
12 floor, and 100 had been contaminated. And when I
13 talked to the reporter last night, I told her that was
14 not my understanding, but that I thought it was a
15 mistake in the article.

16 MR. LEW: It sounds like --

17 PARTICIPANT: Hi. This is the Operations
18 Officer. Sorry to interrupt you guys. I hope this is
19 okay. But we just got a call from the DHS NICC,
20 National Infrastructure Coordinating Committee. They
21 are looking for some information. Any possibility I
22 can send them up to the bridge and let them talk to
23 you for a minute?

24 MR. LEW: Yes.

25 PARTICIPANT: Is that all right? I don't

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1 know if -- it's a bureaucrat down there, so I don't
2 know -- they -- we, in the past, routinely interface
3 with this organization. They take the lead on all
4 nuclear infrastructure issues. So it's not going to
5 be a very high-level person. Is that okay?

6 MR. LEW: Understand --

7 PARTICIPANT: Or do you want us to go
8 ahead and let -- just brief her based on what we knew
9 from last night? We can do that.

10 MR. LEW: Why don't you brief them based
11 on what you know. And if you need some assistance,
12 you can put them on the bridge, and we can --

13 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. Okay. If you don't
14 mind, I mean, I'll -- unless there's something
15 significant that you've learned since last night, I --
16 we know everything.

17 MR. LEW: Yeah, nothing significant at
18 this point.

19 PARTICIPANT: Okay, great. Bye.

20 MS. SCRENCI: We were talking about
21 whether there were 100 people.

22 MR. LEW: Yeah, yeah. Diane, there was
23 100 -- they did do 151 whole body counts.

24 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

25 MR. LEW: Basically, I think the process

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1 they were going through is they were having trouble
2 getting through the portal monitor. They would go
3 through the whole body counts.

4 MS. SCRENCI: Right.

5 MR. LEW: And I believe that there were a
6 large number that were contaminated.

7 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

8 MR. LEW: Along that range. However, when
9 we were talking about any significant uptake --

10 MS. SCRENCI: Then, the number is more
11 like 11?

12 MR. LEW: Eleven, yeah.

13 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

14 MR. LEW: Eleven that got between 10 and
15 16 --

16 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

17 MR. LEW: -- millirem. But there were
18 others that were below that.

19 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

20 MR. LEW: So that -- hopefully, that puts
21 it in --

22 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah. She was just going to
23 use "less than 150." You know, they evaluated 150
24 people, and far fewer than that were -- you know, had
25 some contamination. And I told her that was true.

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1 MR. LEW: Yes. Yeah. I guess it depends
2 on -- it depends on whether or not they -- they have
3 some low-level contamination sometimes, you know? You
4 just clean off and now you -- I think -- I think any
5 kind of significant contamination would be -- I'm not
6 even sure (inaudible) come to think of it.

7 Okay. So I think I understand where
8 you're going --

9 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

10 MR. LEW: -- where you are. I guess --
11 you were going to try to reach out to John. Do you
12 want us to try and get hold of John and put him on
13 this bridge?

14 MS. SCRENCI: Sure.

15 MR. LEW: Okay. Let me do that. Yeah, he
16 was talking to the NICC guy.

17 MS. SCRENCI: Oh, yeah. Girl. It was a
18 girl I think. Did you get any sleep at all?

19 FEMALE VOICE: Someone has entered the
20 conference.

21 MR. LEW: Who joined?

22 PARTICIPANT: I turned that off. I didn't
23 realize that entry tone was on. That -- when I put
24 you back in, that's -- it generated that.

25 MR. LEW: Thanks.

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1 TMI-53

2 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center
3 recorded line. How may I help you?

4 MS. LOVELACE: Hi. This is Denise calling
5 from the NICC. How are you?

6 PARTICIPANT: Hi, Denise.

7 MS. LOVELACE: We were calling to see, do
8 you have any information in regards to what CNN is
9 advertising this morning in regards to Three Mile
10 Island that you can release?

11 PARTICIPANT: That we can release? I
12 guess I don't follow you. I mean, if CNN -- they sent
13 something out on the public domain, correct?

14 MS. LOVELACE: Do you mean public domain
15 like home page or something or --

16 PARTICIPANT: Can you hold on one second,
17 please?

18 MS. LOVELACE: Sure.

19 TMI-54

20 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Denise, you need a
21 briefing?

22 MS. LOVELACE: Yeah. We were just
23 curious. I know -- Steve Holfalet (phonetic) called
24 last night, the watch captain, and he was told that it
25 was just a standard, routine maintenance.

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1 PARTICIPANT: That is correct.

2 MS. LOVELACE: So, but the way that CNN
3 has it on the news this morning it was generating
4 questions.

5 PARTICIPANT: Uh-huh.

6 MS. LOVELACE: So we just wondered if
7 there was anything new that might have transpired
8 or --

9 PARTICIPANT: Not really, but let me --

10 MS. LOVELACE: Okay. Yeah.

11 PARTICIPANT: We checked out -- I think
12 CNN said basically it was just -- it was maintenance.
13 Let's see here. Hold on, ma'am.

14 MS. LOVELACE: Okay.

15 PARTICIPANT: I'm looking for good
16 briefing information here.

17 MS. LOVELACE: All right. Yeah, we were
18 checking open source, and --

19 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. Basically, what we
20 have is an offsite notification of a rad release in
21 containment associated with a steam generator removal.

22 And it -- on Saturday there were low levels of
23 radiation activity measured on radiation monitors in
24 the reactor building at TMI, so they did a -- they
25 prudently evacuated workers after the fact.

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1 The most exposure a worker received was
2 26 millirem. The annual dose typically at most of the
3 sites is around in the area of 4- to 5,000 millirem.
4 So this is a very small portion of the annual dose
5 limits.

6 No contamination was identified outside
7 the reactor building, and TMI is still doing some
8 investigation, but they believe the maintenance tasks
9 related to cutting some pipes in preparation for the
10 removal of a steam generator was the source of
11 reactivity.

12 The licensee is still investigating the
13 cause of the event, but the rad release is no longer
14 in progress, and --

15 MS. LOVELACE: Okay. So everything is all
16 secure and --

17 PARTICIPANT: Everything is all secure,
18 and containment ventilation has been established to
19 provide inflow into containment. So basically we are
20 trying to maintain a slight negative pressure in
21 containment, so -- any flow of air into the
22 containment, which is a good thing.

23 The licensee -- TMI -- contacted state and
24 local authorities and Pennsylvania Emergency
25 Management Agency.

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1 MS. LOVELACE: Okay.

2 PARTICIPANT: Okay? And they also issued
3 a press release.

4 MS. LOVELACE: Yeah. We were checking
5 your, like, home page and --

6 PARTICIPANT: You didn't see the press
7 release?

8 MS. LOVELACE: I haven't. The other guys
9 are checking it.

10 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

11 MS. LOVELACE: I was just calling direct
12 just to see if there was anything new that might have
13 come up over the past few hours.

14 PARTICIPANT: There has been nothing new
15 that has come over the past few hours.

16 MS. LOVELACE: Okay. All right.

17 PARTICIPANT: So you have the press
18 release, and -- and anything else you need, Denise?

19 MS. LOVELACE: No, I don't believe so. We
20 were just checking, just because we have the
21 leadership asking questions.

22 PARTICIPANT: Okay. And what is your
23 phone number out there, Denise?

24 MS. LOVELACE:

25 PARTICIPANT:

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1 MS. LOVELACE:

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2 PARTICIPANT:

3 MS. LOVELACE:

4 PARTICIPANT:

Denise, what is

5 your last name?

6 MS. LOVELACE: Lovelace, L-O-V-E-L-A-C-E.

7 PARTICIPANT: Okay, Denise.

8 MS. LOVELACE: Yeah. And we did check
9 with, you know, the SSAs. We haven't had any word
10 back yet. There were some messages that were left
11 earlier.

12 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

13 MS. LOVELACE: So, but we were just trying
14 to follow up and see what we could find out.

15 PARTICIPANT: Yes. So right now we have
16 nothing new to report.

17 MS. LOVELACE: Okay. I'll relay.

18 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Thank you, Denise.

19 MS. LOVELACE: All right. You have a good
20 morning.

21 PARTICIPANT: Take care.

22 MS. LOVELACE: Thanks.

23 TMI-55

24 MR. HUFFMAN: Mr. Collins?

25 MR. COLLINS: Yes. This is Region I.

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1 MR. HUFFMAN: Hi. This is Bill Huffman.

2 MR. COLLINS: Hi, Bill.

3 MR. HUFFMAN: Josh Batkin is coming on the
4 line. Apparently, it has just been scratched a little
5 bit. I think he will tell you they are not looking
6 for a briefing right now.

7 MR. COLLINS: Okay. We have been sending
8 them e-mails, so maybe that has been enough?

9 MR. HUFFMAN: Yeah. Well, I'll let you
10 know when he gets on the bridge, and then he can
11 explain it.

12 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Thank you.

13 MR. HUFFMAN: Mr. Batkin?

14 MR. BATKIN: Yes. I'm here.

15 MR. HUFFMAN: Okay. Go ahead, Sam.

16 MR. COLLINS: Josh, good morning. This is
17 Sam Collins.

18 MR. BATKIN: Good morning, sir. How are
19 you?

20 MR. COLLINS: Doing well, thank you. I
21 have you on the speakerphone, and we have a number of
22 people who have been in here in the region for a
23 while. We have an open bridge with Bill and the HOO
24 team there.

25 And we had heard through Bruce Mallet that

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1 you desired a briefing, and we can do that or not,
2 Josh, but we have people here to answer your questions
3 at a minimum. And that's Dave Lew on the technical
4 side. Nancy McNamara is here. She has been
5 interfacing with the state and congressional affairs.
6 And Diane Screnci is here. She is our Senior Public
7 Affairs Officer, and Diane has been talking directly
8 to Exelon on their outreach. And also, she will be
9 leading a short briefing and a question and answer
10 period with the press this afternoon up at the site.
11 She is getting ready to drive up there.

12 And we have two members of our technical
13 team from radiological protection who are on their way
14 to the site, and we have a backup site representative
15 coming down from Beaver Valley who will be onsite
16 early afternoon to help us with the technical aspects.

17 We can run through and give you the
18 latest, or we can respond to questions, whichever you
19 desire, Josh.

20 MR. BATKIN: Yes, sir. Thank you. No, I
21 don't want to take you away from your work. Dr.
22 Mallet did send an update a few minutes ago, which I
23 think covered most of the Chairman's information
24 needs. So appreciate that.

25 I know you guys have been working on it

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1 overnight, so appreciate that, too.

2 I did see a couple of press stories. One
3 overnight was the ABC study with a good quote from
4 Diane, and then I just saw a Fox story which noted
5 that there was a five and a half hour delay for Exelon
6 to notify the local authorities. I don't know if that
7 is anything of concern or not, but --

8 MR. COLLINS: Let me ask Nancy to give her
9 insights based on the interface with the state. This
10 is Nancy McNamara, Josh.

11 MS. McNAMARA: Hi, Josh.

12 MR. BATKIN: Hi, Nancy. How are you?

13 MS. McNAMARA: Just fine. Yeah, the state
14 -- I understand the state was notified at 9:30 last
15 night.

16 MR. BATKIN: Okay. And is that -- is
17 there anything inconsistent with -- I mean, it was a
18 small level, nothing that alerted -- you know,
19 triggered our notification requirement, so that --
20 that was appropriate? Or did we have any concerns
21 about that?

22 MR. LEW: On the surface -- this is Dave
23 Lew, Josh. On the surface it's not inconsistent with
24 our reporting requirements. The reason that they
25 reached out at that time was they were starting to get

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1 media interest, and they did, around that time, issue
2 a press release. Subsequent to that, because -- well,
3 by their internal procedures, when they issue a press
4 release or reach out to the media, they will make a
5 50.72 to the NRC within four hours.

6 MR. BATKIN: Got it. Okay. And then, I
7 heard that the DOE Chief of Staff called. Was there
8 anything to that, or just wanted information on what
9 was happening?

10 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, that occurred --

11 MR. BATKIN: Last night.

12 MR. COLLINS: -- that occurred yesterday
13 evening during the course of the briefing. The
14 individual's name was Rod O'Connor.

15 MR. BATKIN: Yes. Yes.

16 MR. COLLINS: And I don't know that name
17 that well, but Brian McDermott briefed him offline,
18 Josh, and gave him the background on the event. What
19 I believe prompted Mr. O'Connor's call was a number of
20 calls from site individuals, both to DHS and DOE,
21 reporting the fact that they were being held up and
22 being processed as a result of a contamination event
23 at Three Mile Island. So Mr. O'Connor was trying to
24 get some background to that.

25 And then, we allowed them access to our

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1 Public Affairs and to defer any further questions they
2 had to our team. And we have not had a direct
3 interface with DOE since.

4 MR. BATKIN: Okay. Good.

5 MR. COLLINS: Nancy has a little bit more
6 background on your question regarding the state
7 notification, Josh.

8 MS. McNAMARA: Yes. I'll just explain
9 their concern. I mean, they usually get these routine
10 reports from the licensee, and, as the state puts it,
11 you know, it gets down to the level of threshold where
12 if someone cuts their finger -- and that's a quote --
13 they get told about it, or if an ambulance is called
14 onsite, or something. And so, you know, they were --
15 you know, their concern was, you know, something a
16 little bit more significant than that, and they
17 weren't informed in a timely basis. So that's -- that
18 is something that they are expressing.

19 MR. COLLINS: For your background, we have
20 a very good relationship with the Commonwealth, and
21 their representative I believe will be there --

22 MS. McNAMARA: Yes, Dave Allard.

23 MR. COLLINS: -- Dave Allard for our press
24 briefing. We have invited them to participate in our
25 press briefing as part of the federal and state

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1 family, so they will be there this afternoon when that
2 takes place.

3 MR. BATKIN: Okay. Okay, great. Well,
4 you know, I think the Chairman's understanding is that
5 this was a very minor event, and you are on top of it
6 and handling the press inquiries as well. If he has
7 any concern right now, it would just be, you know, a
8 heads up if you feel that any media are sort of
9 mischaracterizing the seriousness of this event, and,
10 you know, if there is anything that we need to do to
11 stay on top of that.

12 But, otherwise, he doesn't want to --
13 doesn't want to interrupt the work that you're doing
14 and appreciates the work that has been done overnight
15 and today.

16 MR. COLLINS: All right. Thanks, Josh.
17 We do have a few press statements that we are
18 sensitive to, and Diane can -- can overview them
19 briefly, if you'd like.

20 MR. BATKIN: Okay.

21 MS. SCRENCI: The ABC story -- and
22 everybody who carried that original ABC story -- had
23 been saying that 100 folks were contaminated, and
24 Exelon has been contacting those people that are
25 running that story to tell them that it is more like a

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1 handful.

2 MR. BATKIN: Right. The 100 was the
3 number sent home?

4 MS. SCRENCI: I don't know where people
5 got 100.

6 MR. BATKIN: Okay.

7 MS. SCRENCI: I think 100 -- about 150
8 were sent home. I think probably about 100 were whole
9 body counted.

10 MR. LEW: Yeah. The data that we have is
11 about 150 were whole body counted. Out of that 150
12 that were whole body counted, 25 had levels greater
13 than 10 millirem, which is indicative of some internal
14 dose.

15 MR. BATKIN: All right.

16 MR. LEW: Twenty of them were in the range
17 between 10 and 38 millirem. I think yesterday there
18 may have been a 16 -- between 10 and 16, but they had
19 not processed everybody through. They have since
20 processed everybody through, and the range is 10 to
21 38.

22 That said, there are five individuals
23 which have initial indications that it is even higher
24 than that, as high as 200 millirem. But there is --

25 MR. BATKIN: How high? I'm sorry.

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1 MR. LEW: It could be as high as 200
2 millirem, which is still below the legal limit, but
3 the --

4 MR. BATKIN: Right.

5 MR. LEW: -- issue here is that there is
6 some -- there is a -- they question the results,
7 because they are getting a peak at cerium-144, which
8 is a peak that they should not be getting. So they
9 are going back to look at the results.

10 MR. BATKIN: Okay. And, again, that was
11 100 millirem as highest --

12 MR. LEW: As high as 200.

13 MR. BATKIN: 200, sorry. I was having
14 trouble hearing you. Okay.

15 MR. LEW: Five individuals, but the
16 results are suspected of being --

17 MR. BATKIN: Okay.

18 MR. LEW: -- erroneous at this point.

19 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. And that information
20 is internal information right now, Josh. That's not
21 being exported by the licensee. Our two health
22 physics technical representatives who are on their way
23 to the site will -- will get into those numbers once
24 they arrive.

25 MR. BATKIN: Okay. Got it. And then,

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1 what -- what decontamination efforts do they have to
2 take -- undertake at this point?

3 MR. LEW: Yes. Right now, they are
4 focused on decontaminating high areas, in particular
5 with the -- inside the D-ring, basically inside the
6 bioshield area.

7 MR. BATKIN: Okay.

8 MR. LEW: And that's the only activity
9 that they are allowing inside that area. They are
10 allowing other activities in containment to continue.

11 MR. BATKIN: They are, okay.

12 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Josh, just so we're
13 responsive, were you asking about decontamination
14 inside containment or having to do with individuals?

15 MR. BATKIN: Well, I was thinking inside
16 containment. But is there anything more significant
17 that has to do with the affected individuals?

18 MR. LEW: I think the affected
19 individuals, they all have been decontaminated and
20 released.

21 MR. BATKIN: Okay. Okay. Great. And
22 then, what is the plan for -- is there another call
23 planned, or are you just going to keep the bridge open
24 today?

25 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, let us walk you

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1 through the rest of the day. We have people en route
2 to the site, as we indicated. The licensee has a
3 press briefing at 2:00, Diane?

4 MS. SCRENCI: We are going to do it at
5 2:00.

6 MR. COLLINS: I'm sorry. Our press
7 briefing is at 2:00.

8 MS. SCRENCI: Exelon has been doing
9 interviews on request.

10 MR. BATKIN: Okay.

11 MS. SCRENCI: Their PR guy is at the site,
12 and if somebody calls and says, "Hey, we want -- you
13 know, we need to do an interview, an on-camera
14 interview," Ralph just goes out and stands in front of
15 the camera and does it.

16 MR. BATKIN: Okay.

17 MR. COLLINS: That was good. Thank you,
18 Diane.

19 Our 2:00 appointment is a short
20 introductory statement, and then question and answer.

21 And then, at 4:30, Josh, we have an update for
22 whoever is interested -- can call into the HOO bridge
23 and --

24 MR. BATKIN: Okay.

25 MR. COLLINS: -- we will provide an update

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1 before the day gets too late on where we are. And
2 then, we would not intend any further broad update
3 unless the events take a turn that is not anticipated.

4 MR. BATKIN: Okay. Great. And, Diane,
5 you are comfortable with the accuracy in the
6 information that Exelon is giving out?

7 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah. I think so far they
8 are fairly accurate, and that Exelon has been
9 correcting the information that is incorrect. My name
10 is not spelled right in the articles, and I'm going to
11 let it go, Josh.

12 (Laughter.)

13 MR. BATKIN: Okay. Yes, I'll say I
14 definitely saw that and noticed it.

15 MS. SCRENCI: Yeah. They had an H in
16 there.

17 (Laughter.)

18 MR. COLLINS: The other aspect, Josh, is
19 that, as always, we want to be very careful about
20 saying that there was no release outside containment.

21 MR. BATKIN: Right.

22 MR. COLLINS: And they have done a
23 calculation. They, the licensee, have done a
24 calculation, which would be based on early numbers of
25 what they thought was inside containment. That

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1 calculation would indicate that -- it found it had
2 less than one percent of the quarterly limit per the
3 ODCM.

4 MR. BATKIN: And that doesn't continue.
5 That was just a one-time purge overnight, or rest of
6 the afternoon?

7 MR. COLLINS: That would have been what I
8 think I would have called a puff release or short-
9 term --

10 MR. BATKIN: Okay.

11 MR. COLLINS: -- release, based on the
12 fact that the containment was open. They do have the
13 opening draped over now with canvas.

14 MR. BATKIN: Okay.

15 MR. COLLINS: Containment is not required
16 to be in place during the evolutions that are ongoing,
17 because the fuel has been removed and it's in the
18 spent fuel pool.

19 MR. BATKIN: Right.

20 MR. COLLINS: But they do have the
21 capability to provide closure for the opening.

22 MR. BATKIN: Okay.

23 MR. COLLINS: And that's mostly
24 environmental protection at this point.

25 MR. BATKIN: Great. Okay.

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1 MR. LEW: Just to update that, got not
2 that long ago from the resident office, they have
3 aligned the ventilation such that air through all of
4 the openings is going into the reactor building. So
5 they may be moving forward with -- they have the
6 curtain, this top over the construction opening at
7 this point, and they are looking at replacing that
8 with a clean curtain.

9 MR. BATKIN: Okay.

10 MR. LEW: But the current ventilation
11 system would support that.

12 MR. BATKIN: Okay. Great. Okay. Well,
13 unless there's anything else, that's definitely
14 sufficient for me. And I will make sure the Chairman
15 is up to date on where we stand. And if you need any
16 assistance from us, or if you are worried at all about
17 (inaudible) and need any help, please let us know.

18 MR. COLLINS: All right.

19 MR. BATKIN: It obviously doesn't seem
20 like something the Chairman needs to say anything
21 about or anything like that at this point. So --

22 MR. COLLINS: No. Our goal was to -- and
23 the reason why we have been working this is to keep it
24 in perspective and be sure the NRC is available to put
25 our overview on the event, so that the Chairman would

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1 not have to be involved.

2 MR. BATKIN: Okay. Well, thank you. He
3 is happy to if he needs to be, but it -- he certainly
4 doesn't feel like he needs to be right now, so that
5 we'll leave that to you.

6 MR. COLLINS: Understand. All right.

7 MR. BATKIN: Great.

8 MR. COLLINS: We're not getting any
9 indication from the state that, you know, this has
10 risen to a level within the state bureaucracy where
11 the Governor would need a call. We are working
12 directly with Dave Allard, and internally the state
13 has been keeping the Governor informed at his level.

14 MR. BATKIN: Okay. Excellent. Well,
15 thank you again. We're definitely reachable if you
16 need us today, but thanks for all the work that you're
17 doing on this.

18 MR. COLLINS: All right, Josh. Thank you.

19 MR. BATKIN: All right. Talk to you
20 later. Thank you.

21 MR. COLLINS: Bye now.

22 PARTICIPANT: This is the Headquarters
23 Operations Officer. Is Diane Screnci there?

24 MS. SCRENCI: Yes.

25 MR. COLLINS: This is Region I. Diane is

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1 right here.

2 PARTICIPANT: Yes, Diane. Headquarters
3 Operations Officer. We just received a call from AFP,
4 that's Agency France Press, with a Mr. Jean-Louis
5 Santini. And he would like it, if it's possible, if
6 you could possibly contact him. I can give you his
7 phone number here, ma'am.

8 MS. SCRENCI: Sure.

9 PARTICIPANT: He's at area code (b)(6)

10 MS. SCRENCI: Okay.

11 PARTICIPANT: -- (b)(6) and the subject is
12 the TMI incident that you all are working on.

13 MS. SCRENCI: Okay. I'll give him a call.

14 PARTICIPANT: Thank you.

15 MS. McNAMARA: Bon jour. Good day.

16 TMI-56

17 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center
18 recorded line. How may I help you?

19 MR. SANTINI: Yes. I am Jean-Louis
20 Santini with Agency France Press in Washington
21 (inaudible) news service. I am -- I wanted to talk to
22 the -- your news officer in charge today on duty.

23 PARTICIPANT: And with regards to what,
24 sir?

25 MR. SANTINI: Regarding this leak in Three

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1 Mile Island. You know, this happened yesterday I
2 guess.

3 PARTICIPANT: And your name again, sir?

4 MR. SANTINI: The last name is Santini, S-
5 A-N-T-I-N-I.

6 PARTICIPANT: And you represent, again,
7 whom?

8 MR. SANTINI: AFP.

9 PARTICIPANT: ASP?

10 MR. SANTINI: No, AF, like Frank, AFP.

11 PARTICIPANT: AFP?

12 MR. SANTINI: Yes.

13 PARTICIPANT: What does that stand for?

14 MR. SANTINI: Agency France Press.

15 PARTICIPANT: Oh, Agency France. Okay.

16 MR. SANTINI: Yeah, France.

17 PARTICIPANT: France?

18 MR. SANTINI: It's like AP or Reuters, you
19 know. We are one with --

20 PARTICIPANT: And what is your callback?

21 MR. SANTINI: My telephone number is

22 (b)(6)

23 PARTICIPANT:

(b)(6)

24 MR. SANTINI:

25 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

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1 MR. SANTINI: It's regarding this leak in
2 Three Mile Island nuclear plant. You know, I heard
3 that on CNN. I don't know. And I just want to -- I
4 understand it's not a serious matter.

5 PARTICIPANT: That is correct.

6 MR. SANTINI: But I just need to talk to
7 someone, you know, to have a direct source.

8 PARTICIPANT: Right. So what we're going
9 to do is right now our public affairs officer is
10 giving a briefing. Once they break out of that, we're
11 going to have them give you a call, Mr. Santini. What
12 is your first name?

13 MR. SANTINI: Jean-Louis, like --

14 PARTICIPANT: Jean. Okay.

15 MR. SANTINI: Jean-Louis, like Jean, J-E-
16 A-N, hyphen, L-O-U-I-S.

17 PARTICIPANT: Jean-Louis.

18 MR. SANTINI: Okay. He is doing a press
19 call now?

20 PARTICIPANT: No, not yet. Now we're
21 going internal. This is just within the NRC.

22 MR. SANTINI: Oh. Oh, I see. So if I
23 could get a call it would be great, just quick -- you
24 know, just need to --

25 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. So I'm going to --

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1 MR. SANTINI: What is his name? Just
2 to --

3 PARTICIPANT: It's going to probably be
4 Diane Screnci.

5 MR. SANTINI: Oh, Diane.

6 PARTICIPANT: Diane. Do you know Diane?

7 MR. SANTINI: I think I talked to her
8 before, yeah, okay. Is that --

9 PARTICIPANT: Yes. So you're -- let's
10 see, area code (b)(6)

11 MR. SANTINI: That's right.

12 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Mr. Santini, we --
13 hopefully someone from Public Affairs will give you a
14 call.

15 MR. SANTINI: Okay. Thank you very much.

16 PARTICIPANT: Take care.

17 MR. SANTINI: Okay.

18 TMI-57

19 MR. KLOUGH: Hello. Dave Lew? Dave Lew,
20 this is Headquarters Operations Officer. Please come
21 up.

22 MR. LEW: Yes, I'm here. Yes, I'm here.

23 MR. KLOUGH: Do you hear me, sir?

24 MR. LEW: Can you hear me?

25 MR. KLOUGH: Yeah. Okay. David, Kevin

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1 Deutsch with New York Daily News called up, and he
2 wants to talk to someone on a briefing on the TMI
3 event, and probably -- Diane Screnci is probably kind
4 of busy making her way to TMI.

5 MR. LEW: She is actually still here.

6 MR. KLOUGH: Oh, is she still there?

7 MR. LEW: She is still here in the office.

8 MR. KLOUGH: Okay.

9 MR. LEW: Do you want me to try and see if
10 I can get hold of her?

11 MR. KLOUGH: Please.

12 MR. LEW: Hang on.

13 (Phone ringing.)

14 MR. KLOUGH: Yeah?

15 MR. LEW: Is this Bill or Vince?

16 MR. KLOUGH: This is Vince.

17 MR. LEW: Just give me a couple of
18 seconds. Let me just walk down the hallway.

19 MR. KLOUGH: Okay. I'll stay on here.

20 TMI-57_1

21 MR. LEW: Okay. Vince? This is Dave Lew.
22 Are you still there?

23 MR. KLOUGH: Hi, David. Do you hear me?

24 MR. LEW: Yes, I can hear you.

25 MR. KLOUGH: Okay. Were you able to find

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1 Diane?

2 MR. LEW: Diane is here. She's still on
3 -- she's on a call with another reporter, which she is
4 about to get off real soon.

5 MR. KLOUGH: Okay. Can I just give you
6 the name of the --

7 MR. LEW: Yeah.

8 MR. KLOUGH: -- of the person?

9 MR. LEW: Okay. It was New York Daily
10 News.

11 MR. KLOUGH: New York Daily News. His
12 name is Kevin.

13 MR. LEW: Kevin.

14 MR. KLOUGH: And it's Deutsch, and it's
15 spelled D-E-U-T-S-C-H.

16 MR. LEW: Okay.

17 MR. KLOUGH: And he can be reached at area
18 code (b)(6)

19 MR. LEW: Okay.

20 MR. KLOUGH: (b)(6)

21 MR. LEW: Okay.

22 MR. KLOUGH: (b)(6)

23 MR. LEW: (b)(6) We will give her -- we
24 will give him a call back shortly.

25 MR. KLOUGH: Okay. Thanks a lot, sir.

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1 MR. LEW: Thank you. Bye.

2 MR. KLOUGH: Take care. Bye.

3 TMI-58

4 PARTICIPANT: Headquarters Operations
5 Officer. Is somebody there from Region 1?

6 MR. LEW: Yeah. This is Dave Lew.

7 PARTICIPANT: Hey, Dave. We got a call
8 from a reporter for who -- who is he from, Chuck?
9 Bloomberg.

10 PARTICIPANT: Bloomberg News, Erin Clark.

11 PARTICIPANT: Erin Clark.

12 PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

13 PARTICIPANT: Do you want to talk to him?

14 He said he was -- he wanted to go to the press
15 conference at TMI, I guess that Diane Screnci was
16 giving or something like that, and -- but he couldn't
17 make it, and he was wondering if he could get
18 information from you guys or from somebody in
19 Region I, he said.

20 MR. LEW: Yeah. We can try and get back
21 with him.

22 PARTICIPANT: Okay, yeah. We got his
23 contact information, but we still have him on the line
24 and wanted to know if you wanted to talk to him now.
25 But if you don't, that's fine. We've got his number,

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1 so you can call him back.

2 MR. LEW: Yeah. What's his number?

3 PARTICIPANT: What's his number here,
4 Chuck? I guess you can let him drop, then, and we'll
5 just give him his number.

6 Erin Clark. Number is (b)(6)

7 MR. LEW: Okay.

8 PARTICIPANT: (b)(6)

9 MR. LEW: (b)(6)

10 PARTICIPANT: -- (b)(6)

11 MR. LEW: (b)(6)

12 PARTICIPANT: That's correct.

13 MR. LEW: Okay. And you said it's Erin,
14 right? Is it a lady or a man?

15 PARTICIPANT: No, it's a man. It sounds
16 like a man on the phone, but it's spelled like the
17 ladies' name, E-R-I-N, at least normally the way I --
18 yeah.

19 PARTICIPANT: That's how he spelled it.

20 MR. LEW: And from Bloomberg News.

21 PARTICIPANT: Yes, sir.

22 MR. LEW: And we'll -- we'll do that.
23 Yeah, we'll get someone -- Diane is in transit. I
24 mean, I can -- I can talk with him, but we also have
25 someone -- we have also the (inaudible) Public Affairs

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1 that we can also screen calls to, which I will do at
2 this point.

3 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. He knew Neil's name
4 and Diane's name, so he said --

5 MR. LEW: So we'll try and get Neil to get
6 back with him.

7 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

8 MR. LEW: Separately, I did hit star zero.
9 Just to give you a heads up, the TMI control room --
10 apparently, a DHS senior ops officer was contacting
11 the TMI control room for an update.

12 PARTICIPANT: Oh, senior watch officer?

13 MR. LEW: Yes.

14 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

15 MR. LEW: I think that's what -- senior
16 ops, I would think it's an ops officer.

17 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. It's probably this --

18 MR. LEW: Yeah.

19 PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

20 MR. LEW: The name is Bill Roper.

21 PARTICIPANT: Bill Roper, okay.

22 MR. LEW: His telephone number is

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

23
24 PARTICIPANT: Yeah.

25 MR. LEW: And I suggested to Exelon that

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1 they -- that, you know, this is -- it's okay for them
2 to let this individual know to contact the NRC to
3 update any information that they may have, because I
4 suspect that you -- you guys may have already talked
5 to DHS yesterday.

6 PARTICIPANT: Oh, yeah, we talked to them
7 yesterday, in fact right after -- you know, we had
8 told you guys last night, whenever we first got the
9 call from the NICC, and that was the National
10 Infrastructure Coordination Center, who is, you know,
11 kind of a subcompartment there of DHS, but we did
12 brief the SWO, you know, shortly after with the
13 information that you guys provided Howie last night.

14 So, you know, we gave him that statement,
15 and I'm not sure what really -- what updated
16 information we have now. I mean, we've got of course
17 TMI's event report here.

18 MR. LEW: Yeah.

19 PARTICIPANT: You know, and that
20 information. We can, you know, certainly read him
21 information out of that. But, really, overall the
22 status -- you know, normally, we call these guys
23 whenever it's an emergency and tell them the emergency
24 class. And there has never been that here, and that's
25 what we told them last night, so --

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1 MR. LEW: I thought you -- I just thought
2 I would give you a heads up in case he --

3 PARTICIPANT: Sure.

4 MR. LEW: -- he probably will be giving
5 you guys a call.

6 (Phone ringing.)

7 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. And we can -- we can
8 certainly run that down and try contacting them again,
9 and tell them the same thing we told them last night.
10 If there was any emergency or anything like that, we
11 would certainly notify them, but there isn't, so --

12 MR. LEW: Well, if you need any support
13 from us here, just give us a call.

14 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Thanks a lot, Dave.

15 MR. LEW: Thank you.

16 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Bye.

17 TMI-59

18 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center. This
19 is a recorded line. Can I help you?

20 MR. POPPEL: This is Michael Poppel with
21 B&O News from New York.

22 PARTICIPANT: Hello, sir. I didn't get
23 your full name there. Was it Michael?

24 MR. POPPEL: Yes, Michael Poppel.

25 PARTICIPANT: Michael Poppel? And you're

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1 with who?

2 MR. POPPEL: Yes. With B&O News.

3 PARTICIPANT: B&O News? All right.

4 MR. POPPEL: Yes.

5 PARTICIPANT: How do you spell your last
6 name, sir?

7 MR. POPPEL: Yeah. That's just spelled P
8 as in Paul, O as in office, P as in Paul, P as in
9 Paul, E-L.

10 PARTICIPANT: E-L, right?

11 MR. POPPEL: Yes, right.

12 PARTICIPANT: You're with B&O News?

13 MR. POPPEL: Yes.

14 PARTICIPANT: All right, sir. What are
15 you calling regarding?

16 MR. POPPEL: Yes. I'm looking to confirm
17 that investigators have been sent to the Three Mile
18 Island nuclear powerplant.

19 PARTICIPANT: Okay, sir.

20 MR. POPPEL: Okay.

21 PARTICIPANT: Do you have a phone number
22 we can reach you back at, sir?

23 MR. POPPEL: Yes. That's (b)(6)

24 PARTICIPANT: (b)(6)

25 MR. POPPEL: (b)(6)

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1 PARTICIPANT:

(b)(6)

2 MR. POPPEL:

3 PARTICIPANT:

Okay.

4 MR. POPPEL: Yes, correct.

5 PARTICIPANT: We'll pass that information
6 along to our Public Affairs people and have one of
7 them give you a call as soon as we can, sir.

8 MR. POPPEL: Great. Thank you.

9 PARTICIPANT: Thank you. Bye-bye.

10 MR. POPPEL: Bye.

11 TMI-60

12 MR. ROPER: This is Senior Watch Officer
13 Bill Roper.

14 MR. SNYDER: Hi, Bill. My name is Pete
15 Snyder, Headquarters Ops Officer with the Nuclear
16 Regulatory Commission.

17 MR. ROPER: Right.

18 MR. SNYDER: Hey, I understand that you
19 guys had contacted TMI wanting some updated
20 information?

21 MR. ROPER: Correct.

22 MR. SNYDER: Now, last night of course we
23 gave you guys a call, and I don't know who we talked
24 to at that time. But, you know, we let you know -- we
25 were trying to let you know that, you know, we would

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1 -- we would contact you on any callout that -- that
2 reached a threshold in our procedures to contact you.

3 And, of course, there was no emergency,
4 never was or anything that happened at Three Mile
5 Island there, so -- but there was a lot of media
6 interest with this release they had inside
7 containment.

8 MR. ROPER: Correct.

9 MR. SNYDER: And, you know, I've got their
10 event report here that they provided us, basically the
11 latest information, and that was as of -- well, that
12 was as of early this morning, but it is probably more
13 complete. There may be the most complete information,
14 more complete than maybe what you have already there.

15 But, you know, I don't know what
16 information you wanted or what they told you, you
17 know, this morning when you called in, but -- but
18 certainly we can always -- you know, if you need
19 anything, call us and we can provide you with the
20 latest stuff we have, because we are in close contact
21 with them.

22 MR. ROPER: I really appreciate it. And
23 your name or name was not -- the only number I had was
24 a fax number from Brad --

25 MR. SNYDER: Oh.

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1 MR. ROPER: -- Pettit (phonetic).

2 MR. SNYDER: Oh, at TMI.

3 MR. ROPER: Right.

4 MR. SNYDER: So they faxed you something.

5 MR. ROPER: Correct.

6 MR. SNYDER: Okay.

7 MR. ROPER: And --

8 MR. SNYDER: They probably faxed you the
9 same -- the same info that we got here then maybe.

10 MR. ROPER: Correct. More than likely so.
11 It's about three or four lines -- three or four
12 paragraphs.

13 MR. SNYDER: Yeah.

14 MR. ROPER: One-liners.

15 MR. SNYDER: Yeah.

16 MR. ROPER: And the only thing I was
17 asking is if there is any update to this information
18 that was received last night. He faxed it at about
19 2255 -- well, 10:55, about 11:00 last night. And I
20 was just calling to see if there was an update to this
21 report.

22 MR. SNYDER: Okay.

23 MR. ROPER: Any changes of any
24 significance?

25 MR. SNYDER: No. I mean, other than I

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1 believe they had the source isolated in there, you
2 know, and I don't know that that was -- that was done
3 after some of the reports last night. But --

4 MR. ROPER: No changes to the initial
5 report you provided?

6 MR. SNYDER: No. No changes to the
7 initial report there. I mean, in other words, you
8 know, basically what they have are low levels of --
9 radioactive contamination was what it was. You know,
10 it had some activity in it, inside containment.

11 And since they had a hole cut in the
12 containment building, there was a chance it -- you
13 know, a release could happen there. But, you know,
14 they are shut down right now in a refueling outage,
15 changing out their steam generators. And, of course,
16 when they cut into that primary piping, that's when
17 this -- they have a chance for material to be
18 released, because, you know, all the contaminated
19 material is inside the piping, you know, normally --

20 MR. ROPER: Yeah.

21 MR. SNYDER: -- in containment.

22 MR. ROPER: Well, anyway --

23 MR. SNYDER: Anyway --

24 MR. ROPER: Well, let me just --

25 MR. SNYDER: -- there's no real change.

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1 MR. ROPER: No real change?

2 MR. SNYDER: No.

3 MR. ROPER: Let me give you a little
4 background. Like I said, we have been basically
5 satisfied with the report that we received last night.

6 MR. SNYDER: Okay.

7 MR. ROPER: And we're just kind of
8 monitoring, pending any updates or calls from you.

9 MR. SNYDER: Okay. Yeah, and that's kind
10 of what we've been doing, too, here. I mean, our --

11 MR. ROPER: And the reason that I called
12 is because, you know, the White House is calling to
13 see if we --

14 MR. SNYDER: Ah.

15 MR. ROPER: -- had any additional
16 information.

17 MR. SNYDER: Okay.

18 MR. ROPER: And I was just wanting to
19 provide them the most current, you know, to follow up,
20 you know, to -- again, it was as of late last night
21 that we had received something.

22 MR. SNYDER: Uh-huh.

23 MR. ROPER: And I was just calling to see
24 if there was any changes, any significant -- as you
25 stated, nothing --

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1 MR. SNYDER: Nothing significant, because,
2 you know, basically they are still in a holding
3 pattern as far as doing anything until they, you know,
4 fully establish what exactly happened last night. You
5 know, they got --

6 MR. ROPER: It's still under
7 investigation?

8 MR. SNYDER: -- shut down. Yeah. I mean,
9 that's what the licensee is doing up there, just, you
10 know, because they need to understand what happened,
11 too, so it doesn't happen again, because -- of course,
12 while something like this isn't unusual, you know, and
13 significant work has gone on in containment, it is not
14 something they want to have happen, you know, so --

15 MR. ROPER: To determine what happened,
16 huh?

17 MR. SNYDER: What's that?

18 MR. ROPER: They are basically going
19 through the process of determining what happened.

20 MR. SNYDER: Right. That's what they --
21 they are still, and, you know, ironing it out and
22 hammering it down and coming up with something to make
23 sure it doesn't happen again, so -- before they move
24 on.

25 MR. ROPER: So nothing -- no recurrence,

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1 huh?

2 MR. SNYDER: Right. I mean, that's --
3 that's what we, you know -- in the nuclear power
4 world, I guess every -- every place, you know, you try
5 to hammer them out before they -- before they come and
6 bite you again. You know, something like this, it
7 could have been -- it could have been more
8 significant, but you just -- you know, especially if
9 you don't fully understand what it is, so that's what
10 they're trying to do is fully understand it before
11 they -- they go on.

12 MR. ROPER: Okay. Like I say, the only
13 thing we have here is the report I received last
14 night, and we will forward this information forward to
15 -- you know, to --

16 MR. SNYDER: Okay.

17 MR. ROPER: -- to the White House.

18 MR. SNYDER: And if you want, I can -- I
19 can forward you a copy of our event report. You know,
20 it's not -- it has not been released yet to the
21 public, but I certainly can forward you a copy of what
22 we have in our system right now. It's Event Report
23 Number 45514. And see, you know, if you guys -- if
24 you want to have somebody there compare it to what you
25 guys have, and make sure it's -- you know, everything

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1 . agrees or it's up to date, so --

2 MR. ROPER: (b)(6)

3 MR. SNYDER: I would be happy to do that.

4 MR. ROPER: (b)(6)

5 MR. SNYDER: Yes, (b)(6) is what it
6 is.

7 MR. ROPER: (b)(6)

8 MR. SNYDER: Yes, sir.

9 MR. ROPER: Okay. Let me give you our
10 e-mail address here.

11 MR. SNYDER: Okay.

12 MR. ROPER: Let me go and find the latest
13 -- let me see what I -- hold just a minute.

14 TMI-61

15 PARTICIPANT: NRC Operations Center. This
16 is a recorded line. Can I help you?

17 MR. KANNETH: Hi. It's Polson at Good
18 Morning America, ABC News. How are you?

19 PARTICIPANT: Good. What's your name
20 again, sir?

21 MR. KANNETH: Polson, P-O-L-S-O-N.

22 PARTICIPANT: P --

23 MR. KANNETH: O-L-S-O-N.

24 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Polson.

25 MR. KANNETH: Yes.

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1 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

2 MR. KANNETH: And my last name is Kanneth,
3 K-A-N-N-E-T-H.

4 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Polson.

5 MR. KANNETH: Uh-huh. And I want to know
6 if there is a Public Affairs Officer on duty that I
7 may speak to.

8 PARTICIPANT: Yeah. This is Public
9 Affairs on duty, but they are I believe at TMI or
10 somebody is going out there right now. You know,
11 they're on duty, so we can take your name and number
12 and have them call you back, because they are going to
13 give a press conference there.

14 MR. KANNETH: Yeah. If they can give me a
15 call back at (b)(6)

16 PARTICIPANT: Okay.

17 MR. KANNETH: (b)(6)

18 PARTICIPANT: And, again, who do you
19 represent, sir?

20 MR. KANNETH: ABC News, Good Morning
21 America.

22 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Good Morning America.
23 All right. And that's (b)(6) All right,
24 Polson. And we'll pass that information along, and --
25 any deadline or anything like that you have?

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1 MR. KANNETH: Well, as soon as possible.
2 We want to know if the NRC is going to put anyone out
3 for tomorrow morning.

4 PARTICIPANT: All right. Well, like I
5 said, I know there is going to be a press conference
6 later today there, so --

7 MR. KANNETH: All right.

8 PARTICIPANT: All right. But, anyway,
9 we'll try to give -- have them give you a call in
10 addition to that, then.

11 MR. KANNETH: Great. Thank you so much.

12 PARTICIPANT: Okay. Bye.

13 MR. KANNETH: Bye-bye.

14 TMI-62

15 MR. COLLINS: Region I is on the bridge.

16 MS. HAYDEN: Hi. This is Beth. I was
17 trying to reach Sam.

18 MR. COLLINS: Hi, Beth. This is Sam.

19 MS. HAYDEN: Okay.

20 MR. COLLINS: How are you doing? I have
21 Dave Lew here with me.

22 MR. LEW: Hi, Beth.

23 MS. HAYDEN: Hi, Dave. You must be pretty
24 exhausted by now, huh?

25 MR. LEW: We have a little bit of energy

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1 left.

2 (Laughter.)

3 How can we help you today?

4 MS. HAYDEN: Well, I talked to the
5 Chairman's office about a request from Good Morning
6 America --

7 MR. COLLINS: Yes.

8 MS. HAYDEN: -- to go on -- to go on
9 camera tomorrow morning. And even though they kept
10 asking, "Has anybody asked, has anybody asked?" I
11 said, "Yes, finally somebody has asked." "Oh, well,
12 we don't think we want to have the Chairman involved."
13 And I said, "That's probably a good idea. I think it
14 puts too high a hat on it."

15 MR. COLLINS: Yes.

16 MS. HAYDEN: But I said I do think it
17 provides a good opportunity for us to say, you know,
18 what we did and clear up any misconceptions. So I
19 talked to Diane, and I said, you know, I really think
20 the right person would probably be you, Sam. But I
21 don't -- if they can't find a studio in like the
22 Philadelphia area, I don't see having you trying to
23 drive down here to Washington to do this tomorrow
24 morning, in which case I would see whether -- I guess
25 it's Mike Johnson who is acting for --

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1 MR. COLLINS: He is acting for Bruce.

2 MS. HAYDEN: Bruce, yeah.

3 MR. COLLINS: Correct.

4 MS. HAYDEN: To see if one of those two
5 could do it. but I wanted to check with you to see,
6 you know, what you felt about it.

7 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, I think Mike is the
8 right person. Mike -- you know, he's very credible.

9 MS. HAYDEN: Uh-huh, yeah.

10 MR. COLLINS: And we can -- we can get
11 Mike up to speed. It's pretty straightforward.

12 MS. HAYDEN: Uh-huh. Okay.

13 MR. COLLINS: He has been involved --

14 MS. HAYDEN: Yeah.

15 MR. COLLINS: -- since yesterday
16 afternoon, and he is Acting Deputy Director.

17 MS. HAYDEN: Uh-huh, right.

18 MR. COLLINS: That doesn't put quite the
19 high hat on it that --

20 MS. HAYDEN: Yeah.

21 MR. COLLINS: -- it would for the
22 Chairman.

23 MS. HAYDEN: Right, right.

24 MR. COLLINS: And, you know, there is not
25 a whole lot to the story. And I think the important

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1 part of it, as you indicated, is to put it in
2 perspective.

3 MS. HAYDEN: Yeah, and to let people know,
4 no, we're -- there aren't mass evacuation because of
5 all of this radiation bellowing out of the plant.

6 MR. COLLINS: Correct.

7 MS. HAYDEN: So, and I'm sure those people
8 that were (inaudible) at Three Mile Island, you know,
9 that is something that is going to come to their mind.
10 So -- all right. Well, I will try to get hold of
11 Mike, and see if I can't set that up tomorrow morning.

12 MR. COLLINS: Okay. And --

13 MS. HAYDEN: Okay?

14 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Have you talked to
15 Diane following her briefing Beth?

16 MS. HAYDEN: Yes. I just got off the
17 phone with her.

18 MR. COLLINS: Okay. So you have those
19 insights.

20 MS. HAYDEN: Yep. Yep. That's what I
21 wanted to do before I figured out what we're going to
22 do here.

23 MR. COLLINS: Sure.

24 MS. HAYDEN: So, and she's doing an
25 interview with CNN at 4:30, so --

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1 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

2 MS. HAYDEN: -- so that's the only non-
3 local news organization, she told me, that, you know,
4 has shown an interest. So I said, "Okay. Well, if
5 CNN is going to be talking to us, then it probably
6 would be a good idea to have somebody on camera
7 tomorrow morning."

8 MR. COLLINS: Sure. What would that
9 entail for Mike, and how would you suggest we ensure
10 that he is prepared, Beth?

11 MS. HAYDEN: Well, I think at a minimum he
12 needs to, you know, talk to you or Dave to find out
13 what is -- you know, what has transpired. I don't
14 know how much he is up to date on this, and I
15 certainly would be talking with him. And if he, you
16 know, felt like he needed to come into the office to
17 go over some talking points, I could do that, and then
18 I would meet him down at the studio tomorrow morning.

19 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Yeah, we have talking
20 points prepared. They might --

21 MS. HAYDEN: Right. I saw them.

22 MR. COLLINS: -- need to be refreshed
23 based on --

24 MS. HAYDEN: Yeah.

25 MR. COLLINS: -- what we know today, and,

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1 of course, we will potentially add more information in
2 the morning even. But I think as far as --

3 MS. HAYDEN: Right.

4 MR. COLLINS: -- the message, what we are
5 really talking about is any potential health effects,
6 and what really --

7 MS. HAYDEN: Right.

8 MR. COLLINS: -- occurred, and those types
9 of things. So --

10 MS. HAYDEN: Exactly.

11 MR. COLLINS: -- the details of the root
12 cause and all I think can be handled at a fairly high
13 level.

14 MS. HAYDEN: Yeah. It was unclear to me
15 when the workers were going to be returning to work,
16 and Diane said she thought maybe some of them already
17 had, but she wasn't sure. So --

18 MR. LEW: Yeah. Some of them have already
19 returned, and they are part of -- when they have these
20 events, they have -- they have an event review team
21 going on where they are interviewing these individuals
22 as they are coming back. They weren't able to
23 interview all of them, just because of how long they
24 were at the site yesterday.

25 MS. HAYDEN: Okay.

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1 MR. LEW: They sent them home to get
2 rested.

3 MS. HAYDEN: Right. Okay.

4 MR. LEW: Some are back onsite.

5 MS. HAYDEN: Okay. All right. Well,
6 then, that's how I'll proceed. I'll give Mike a call
7 and see if he can help us out tomorrow morning, okay?

8 MR. COLLINS: All righty. Now, do you
9 have a backup for Mike if for some reason that doesn't
10 work out? Do you have a fallback plan or --

11 MS. HAYDEN: I don't yet.

12 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

13 MS. HAYDEN: But I may have to.

14 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

15 MS. HAYDEN: Depending on what he says.

16 MR. COLLINS: Well, if you need us --

17 MS. HAYDEN: Okay.

18 MR. COLLINS: If you need us, let us know,
19 because we -- you know, we some alternatives here.
20 You know, Dave is here, and I wouldn't want anybody
21 who has been up like we have --

22 MS. HAYDEN: Exactly. That was my
23 concern, and Diane said the same thing. "You know,
24 they're probably pretty tired." And I said, "Yeah, I
25 know."

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1 MR. COLLINS: But I know Mike will do a
2 good job. I just would want to be sure he's
3 adequately prepared.

4 MS. HAYDEN: Okay. Well, we'll do our
5 best.

6 MR. COLLINS: Yeah.

7 MS. HAYDEN: Okay?

8 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

9 MS. HAYDEN: All right. Thanks so much.

10 MR. LEW: Just so I'm clear, Beth, because
11 we have --

12 MS. HAYDEN: Yes.

13 MR. LEW: -- we have the 4:30 briefing
14 today --

15 MS. HAYDEN: Uh-huh.

16 MR. LEW: -- which is the internal update.

17 MS. HAYDEN: Okay.

18 MR. LEW: And if Mike would jump on board
19 with that 4:30 brief --

20 MS. HAYDEN: Yep.

21 MR. LEW: -- we'll run through everything
22 we know. And then maybe following that we can keep a
23 few people on the line to be sure you and I and Mike
24 and all are --

25 MS. HAYDEN: Yeah.

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1 MR. LEW: -- and Dave are aligned on what
2 we need to do to help him.

3 MS. HAYDEN: I agree.

4 MR. LEW: Because I think after 4:30 we
5 are going to stand down from the level of involvement
6 we currently have, unless something changes between
7 now and then.

8 MS. HAYDEN: Okay. All right. Sounds
9 like a plan?

10 MR. LEW: Would that be okay?

11 MR. COLLINS: Yes.

12 MS. HAYDEN: Okay.

13 MR. COLLINS: Just call into the HOO --
14 that's all you need to do -- and they'll hook you up
15 at 4:30.

16 MS. HAYDEN: Okay. Great. Thanks, Sam.

17 MR. COLLINS: All right. Bye, Beth.

18 MS. HAYDEN: Yeah, bye.

19 MR. LEW: Bye.

20 (End of recording.)
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