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From: Mallett, Bruce
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2009 10:28 AM
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Cc: Collins, Sam; Lew, David; Virgilio, Martin; Johnson, Michael; Batkin, Joshua; Borchartd, Bill
Subject: Fw: Update on the TMI event

Commissioners Klein and Svinicki

As you are aware from the HOO highlight, there was a contamination event yesterday at TMI. The note below provides some update. The plan is for a further update today via the HOO. Currently, Region I is planning for that at 4:30 pm. You can call into the ops center to participate in the brief. If you desire more info sooner, Region I is following in their office; Sam Collins or David Lew would be glad to update you. Sam Collins is updating the Chairman this morning.
 Bruce

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Cc: Screnci, Diane; McNamara, Nancy; McKinley, Raymond; McDermott, Brian; White, John; Newport, Christopher; Bamford, Peter; Barber, Scott; HOO Hoc; Kern, David; Brand, Javier; Bellamy, Ronald
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Subject: RE: Update on the TMI event

We are revising the time for an internal briefing. Region I will provide an update brief via the HOO at 4:30 pm, after PAO and staff have met with the media. Anyone interested can participate by calling the HOO.

Separately, one of our SPEs (Scott Barber) will be working on talking points to support the media outreach at 2 pm. Nancy McNamara will also be coming into the office to support communication needs for OCA.

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The HOO has established a bridge for Region I to facilitate internal communications and coordination in response to the anticipated media issues. The staff should provide information via this bridge by calling the HOO and asking to be put on the TMI bridge. We will be looking to set up a general briefing for internal stakeholders later this morning (expected around 11 am).

Update on media interest:

1. Numerous calls last night from external stakeholders were address but the HOO and Region I PAO; however, few calls were received after 2 am this morning.
2. The Region I PAO (Diane Screnci), a DRS Branch Chief (John White) and a senior Health Physicists (Ron Nimitz) will be on site today. Tentatively, they will meet with the media at 2 pm at the training center to answer questions.
3. The staff continues to monitor media interest on the web.
4. Exelon public affairs will be meeting with the media this morning.

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Update on the plant

1. The licensee has completed the whole body count of about 150 workers in containment. 20 of these workers had estimated between 10 mrem and 36 mrem. 5 of these workers initially show higher doses, but the results are suspect and are being evaluated.
2. The licensee continues to maintain a tarp on the containment hole for the SG replacement.
3. Two potential causes of the airborne contamination event are being reviewed. The first is associated with welding activities on a small plug inside the skirt on the bottom of the B SG, during which the associated HEPA filter which is powered via an extension cord was found tripped. The other is pipe decontamination and preparation activities associated with the A cold leg, which they identified high contamination on the outside of a wet vac located near the work.
4. Both these two activities are located in the D ring. The license has maintained a hold on work in these areas, as they continue to assess the cause and clean up areas of high containment.