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Sheehan, Neil

From: Sheehan, Neil
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2009 6:22 PM
To: Hayden, Elizabeth
Subject: Fw: KEY MESSAGES RE: TMI Contamination Event

Seemed to me his staffers were doing just that

Neil Sheehan
NRC Public Affairs Officer
Sent from NRC Blackberry

From: Collins, Sam
To: Screnci, Diane; Sheehan, Neil
Cc: Lew, David
Sent: Sun Nov 22 18:20:50 2009
Subject: RE: KEY MESSAGES RE: TMI Contamination Event

Update, Chairman good to go re GdMornAm decision to interview licensee...wants to align the process in the future to insure someone checks with him personally when national media requests for him are received. Sam

From: Screnci, Diane
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2009 6:09 PM
To: Hayden, Elizabeth; Collins, Sam
Subject: RE: KEY MESSAGES RE: TMI Contamination Event

I just did a second live interview on CNN and was asked whether the notification to NRC was timely. I tap danced around it.

From: Hayden, Elizabeth
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2009 5:40 PM
To: Sheehan, Neil; Screnci, Diane
Subject: Fw: KEY MESSAGES RE: TMI Contamination Event

Please update the KMs w/these comments.

From: Loyd, Susan
To: Hayden, Elizabeth; Batkin, Joshua
Sent: Sun Nov 22 17:38:03 2009
Subject: Re: KEY MESSAGES RE: TMI Contamination Event

Beth:
The point about level of dose was within "a small fraction of the NRCs limit" is unclear to me. Would rather see some specificity and have that clearer. Also I think it would be good for media to be give numbers of workers affected although this will probably be provided in answer to questions.
Susan

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From: Hayden, Elizabeth
To: Loyd, Susan
Sent: Sun Nov 22 16:01:01 2009
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Latest kps

From: Hayden, Elizabeth
To: Sheehan, Neil
Sent: Sun Nov 22 15:36:10 2009
Subject: Fw: KEY MESSAGES RE: TMI Contamination Event

Latest set of tps

From: Lew, David
To: Hayden, Elizabeth
Sent: Sun Nov 22 14:53:31 2009
Subject: RE: KEY MESSAGES RE: TMI Contamination Event

Beth,

The workers had to exit (evacuate) the containment building when the alarms were received. As required, they have to be monitored when they exit the containment building. Some were contaminated, so they were decontaminated, sent for a whole body count to assess dose exposure, and then sent home.

Dave

From: Hayden, Elizabeth
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2009 2:49 PM
To: Lew, David
Subject: Re: KEY MESSAGES RE: TMI Contamination Event

Were workers evacuated or sent home?

From: Lew, David
To: Screnci, Diane; White, John; Nimitz, Ronald; Brand, Javier
Cc: McNamara, Nancy; Collins, Sam; Clifford, James; Barber, Scott; Bellamy, Ronald; Powell, Amy; Roberts, Darrell; Hayden, Elizabeth; HOO Hoc
Sent: Sun Nov 22 13:17:33 2009
Subject: KEY MESSAGES RE: TMI Contamination Event

Key Messages

- On November 21, 2009, an airborne contamination event occurred inside the containment building (also known as the reactor building) at Three Mile Island (TMI).
- The event had no affect on public health and safety.
- No contamination was found outside the containment building.

- Approximately 150 workers were evacuated from the containment building and processed through the licensee's portal radiation monitors.
- Workers that were not able to clear the portal monitors were decontaminated and proceeded to be whole body counted.
- Some workers received unplanned occupational dose exposures. However, based on information provided by the licensee, the level of dose received was within a small fraction of the NRC's regulatory limit.
- The NRC has dispatched technical experts to independently review and confirm the licensee's technical assessment.
- The licensee continues to investigate the cause of the event.
- The NRC's resident inspector is onsite and is monitoring the licensee's ongoing activities.
- The NRC has been responding to media questions and plans a press briefing today at the TMI training center.

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