

**From:** Vias, Steven  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 17, 2010 7:05 AM  
**To:** McCallie, Karen  
**Subject:** FW: Response to public meeting question

Please place in adams

---

**From:** Vias, Steven  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 10, 2010 7:10 AM  
**To:** Buzz Davies (buzzd@comcast.net)  
**Cc:** Smith, Galen; Hannah, Roger; Chitty, Mark; Crespo, Manuel  
**Subject:** Response to public meeting question

Mr. Davies,

At the recent public meeting the NRC held in Erwin, TN on August 3, 2010, you asked the NRC about what the status was of the high enriched uranium that was left in the bowl cleaning station after the October 13, 2009 upset. You also inquired if anyone from the agency had reviewed the procedure(s) and knew the whereabouts and status of the removed material. As I stated at the meeting, no one in attendance at the August 3, 2010 meeting was at the site during the upset time period. I responded that I would contact our staff that were on site during that time period and get back with you with an answer. After contacting Mr. Galen Smith, my Senior Resident Inspector who is assigned to the NFS permanently and he provided me the following information in response to your questions.

Yes, Mr. Smith did follow the upset event and the subsequent actions taken by NFS staff immediately after the event and until the system was secured, safe and the material in question properly handled and stored in a safe geometry and secured location.

Material was removed from system and placed in favorable geometry containers using an approved temporary procedure(s) which was reviewed thoroughly by Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith followed the removal of the material and the placement into approved containers and transfer to the appropriate storage vaults utilizing the sites' special nuclear material (SNM) handling program, and the material control and accountability (MC&A) program. Mr. Smith found no issues during this process. The material will remain in vaults until a plan is developed, reviewed and approved for disposal/processing. The primary objective of a MC&A program is to ensure continuous knowledge of and control over the locations and quantities of nuclear materials with the goal of detecting, deterring, or preventing any potential material loss, theft, or diversion.

If you have any questions about this issue discussed above, please contact me.

Regards,

*Steven J. Vias, Branch Chief*  
*Division of Fuel Facilities Inspection*  
*Region II*  
404-997-4560 (o)  
404-272-4428 (c)  
404-997-4910 (f)  
[steven.vias@nrc.gov](mailto:steven.vias@nrc.gov)

---

## E-mail Properties

Mail Envelope Properties (43AE6A7EB145A948B8C3D1D9B025F97F623409159E)

Subject: FW: Response to public meeting question  
Sent Date: 8/17/2010 7:04:40 AM  
Received Date: 8/17/2010 7:04:40 AM  
From: Vias, Steven

Created By: Steven.Vias@nrc.gov

Recipients:  
Karen.McCallie@nrc.gov (McCallie, Karen)  
Tracking Status: None

Post Office:  
R2CLSTR01.nrc.gov

Files	Size	Date & Time
MESSAGE	16288	8/17/2010

Options  
Expiration Date:  
Priority: oImportanceNormal  
ReplyRequested: False  
Return Notification: False

Sensitivity: oNormal  
Recipients received: