

Burritt, Arthur

From: Burritt, Arthur *AI*
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 1:42 PM
To: Clifford, James; Lew, David
Subject: FW: GAO entrance on audit of NRC oversight of Buried Piping
Attachments: Conference Details (MAY 19, 2010--12:45 PM ET--Conf# 5034602); Notification ltr NRC Buried Pipes.pdf

FYI, see highlight below

From: Hardies, Robert *NRR*
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 1:25 PM
To: OHara, Timothy; Conte, Richard; Burket, Elise; Burns, Thomas; Meyer, Glenn; Gray, Harold; Kaufman, Paul; Modes, Michael; Chaudhary, Suresh; Alley, David; Burritt, Arthur; Schroeder, Daniel
Subject: RE: GAO entrance on audit of NRC oversight of Buried Piping

Here are the bridge line details for the GAO audit entrance meeting. NRR is not presenting anything. We are just in listening mode.

The GAO Entrance Conference regarding the GAO Review of the NRC's Requirements for and Oversight of Buried Pipes at Nuclear Power Plants (GAO Job Code 361192) has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at 1:00 PM in Conference Room O17D13. This review was initiated by GAO after GAO's receipt of a letter from Congressmen Edward Markey, John Hall, John Alder, and Peter Welch.

The GAO will examine (1) the requirements NRC places on licensees for monitoring and inspecting buried pipes, (2) NRC's approach to enforcement of licensee compliance with buried pipe requirements and oversight of implementation of relevant industry initiatives, and (3) additional requirements, if any, that could help improve the safety and integrity of buried pipes at both currently operating and future plants.

Recommended Attendance: DAO(TBPM)/AO/DEDR/NRR/NRO/OE/RI/RII/RIII/RIV/OPA/OCA/OGC

Optional Attendance: EDO/RES/DRDMRT

cc: Khai Tran, David Holley, Jesse Arildsen, Margie Kotzalas, Diana Dias-Toro, Leigh Trocine, Susan Bagley, Daniel Collins, Pamela Baker, Judy Coleman, Rebecca Pratcher, BJ Holt, Dina Sotiropoulos, Myra Hays, Earnestine Clay, Rebecca Underhill, Stephen Dingbaum, Steven Zane, Chuck Casto, Mark Cunningham, Loren Plisco

- Lead Office: NRR
- Bridge Line Dial-in Number: 888-989-4981
- Pass code: (b)(2) *2*
- VTC will not be provided.
- POC: Jesse Arildsen x1785/Stephanie Garland x7443

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Robert Hardies

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From: OHara, Timothy *RT*
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 1:03 PM
To: Conte, Richard; Burket, Elise; Burns, Thomas; Meyer, Glenn; Gray, Harold; Kaufman, Paul; Modes, Michael; Chaudhary, Suresh; Alley, David; Hardies, Robert; Burritt, Arthur; Schroeder, Daniel
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Rich,

Since the Salem Unit 1 buried AFW piping issue may be of interest in this audit, it is worth mentioning that the Salem Unit 1 In-service Inspection has **not** been closed yet. As such, I believe all information is pre-decisional and should not be released to the public.

As far as I know we will not be able to exit the inspection until approximately 6/4/10 at the earliest - depending upon PSEG providing the promised information.

Tim OHara
Reactor Inspector, Region 1

From: Conte, Richard *RT*
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 12:04 PM
To: Burket, Elise; Burns, Thomas; Meyer, Glenn; Gray, Harold; Kaufman, Paul; Modes, Michael; OHara, Timothy; Chaudhary, Suresh
Subject: FW: GAO entrance on audit of NRC oversight of Buried Piping

For you info. Entrance is tomorrow at 5/19 100-130pm, I intend to listen in.

From: Alley, David *NRA*
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 11:10 AM
To: Conte, Richard; Hardies, Robert
Subject: RE: GAO entrance on audit of NRC oversight of Buried Piping

Rich,
GAO entrance meeting for Audit is tomorrow. At least some info attached. I doubt there is a phone line to listen in but I will check. I think Bob is going to attend so he may have more particulars.

Dave

From: Conte, Richard *RT*
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 10:57 AM
To: Hardies, Robert; Alley, David
Subject: FW: GAO entrance on audit of NRC oversight of Buried Piping

Bob or Dave is the below true about a Thursday entrance from GAO and can the regions listen in by phone or VTC

From: Roberts, Darrell *DR*
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 7:44 PM
To: Conte, Richard
Cc: Bearde, Diane; Miskey, Cheryl; Powell, Gerry; Wilson, Peter
Subject: GAO entrance on audit of NRC oversight of Buried Piping

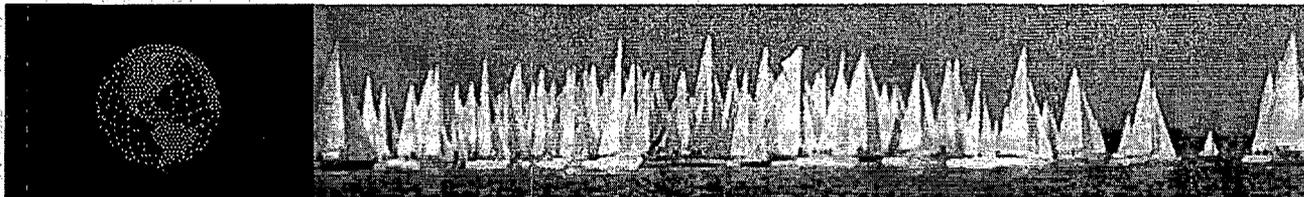
Rich,

Today it was mentioned that this week there will be an entrance meeting for a GAO Audit of NRC's inspection/oversight related to buried/underground piping issues. Pls. confirm date and time (I believe it's Thursday) and whether or not it will be viewable by VTC. If so, pls. have ladies set it up. Let Gina M. know as well for Sam C.'s (or Marc's) possible attendance.

thx,
DJR

Ziev, Tracey

From: confirmations@mymeetings.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:30 AM
To: Garland, Stephanie
Subject: Conference Details (MAY 19, 2010--12:45 PM ET--Conf# 5034602)



Your conference details are enclosed.

Meeting Information:

Leader:	MS STEPHANIE GARLAND
Phone number:	1-301-415-7380
Contact:	MR OMAR MORRIS
Phone number:	1-301-415-7027
Call date:	MAY-19-2010 (Wednesday)
Call time:	12:45 PM EASTERN TIME
Duration:	1 hr
Service level:	Unattended
Number of lines:	Total=15 Dialout=0 Meet Me=15 Meet Me Toll=0
Confirmation number:	5034602
Company:	FTS-NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISI
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May 7, 2010

Mr. R. William Borchardt
Executive Director for Operations
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Jesse Arildsen
GAO Review Liaison
Office of the Executive Director for Operations

Dear Mr. Borchardt:

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) is beginning a review of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) requirements for and oversight of buried pipes at nuclear power plants. GAO is beginning this work on the initiative of the Comptroller General. We initiated this work after receiving a letter from Congressman Edward Markey, Congressman John Hall, Congressman John Adler, and Congressman Peter Welch. We will examine (1) the requirements NRC places on licensees for monitoring and inspecting buried pipes, (2) NRC's approach to enforcement of licensee compliance with buried pipe requirements and oversight of implementation of relevant industry initiatives, and (3) additional requirements, if any, that could help improve the safety and integrity of buried pipes at both currently operating and future plants.

This review will be conducted under engagement code 361192. This work will begin immediately and will be performed by staff from our Natural Resources and Environment team.

We would appreciate your assistance in notifying appropriate officials and in scheduling an entrance conference as soon as it can be arranged. If you have any questions regarding this assignment, please contact Kim Gianopoulos, Assistant Director (gianopoulosk@gao.gov, 202-512-8612), or Diane Lund, Analyst-in-Charge (lundd@gao.gov, 303-572-7384).

Sincerely yours,

Mark Gaffigan
Director, Natural Resources
and Environment