

Conte, Richard

From: Roberts, Darrell *RD*
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2010 5:15 PM
To: Conte, Richard; Gray, Harold; Wilson, Peter
Subject: RE: Buried piping - Proposed NRC Action

Please connect these thoughts and any others with the appropriate NRR/DCI staff - as Fred Brown is working with them in formulating a generic communication approach in the very near term.

Fred was focused on the "high-pressure discharge-buried piping" being a unique nuance that we had not been focused on before (i.e., most buried piping of safety-related systems has been associated with low-pressure suction sides of pumps). He and DCI may need to be enlightened as to any other aspects (such as those you list below) that may need to be addressed in the generic communication.

thx,
DJR

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what is buried and not covered by ASME code e.g., 1 inch piping.

because it is buried, how do they assess external conditions.

if inaccessible what maintenance and testing is done periodically, through internal means

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Sent: Friday, April 23, 2010 9:52 AM
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Determine the scope of other Class 2 and Class 3 safety or risk significant buried pipe.

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To: Hoffman, Keith; Hardies, Robert
Cc: Conte, Richard; Lupold, Timothy
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FYI, a plan.

You may already have something like this in the works, but as time moves on it seems more needed.

VY can be added to the list.

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