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I wanted to give you a couple of highlights of my call with Steve West regarding the status of our review of the cracks found in the shield building at Davis Besse. RIII senior management is engaged and has had several interactions with the OEDO.

1. The licensee understands that the NRC technical review is ongoing and has agreed that it will not progress past Mode 5 until they have addressed the staff questions related to the operability/functionality of the shield building. The licensee also understands that NRC will require some time to review the information generated. RIII has been working on an Order, but it does not appear to be required at this time.
2. The technical review by NRC staff in RIII and NRR continues. Over the course of the past several days, the licensee has changed its approach for evaluating/analyzing the observed cracking in the shield building. The changes are driven by identification of additional cracking, challenges/feedback from NRC staff, and from ongoing engineering assessments by the license and its consultants. The changing nature of the licensee's approach has added time and complexity to the review.
3. Technical staff has several questions related to the current information we have on the structural calculations.
4. Staff from RIII and NRR will conduct a conference call on Friday to discuss the status of the technical review. RIII (Steve West) will lead the call with the focus on identifying the appropriate issues/questions/conclusions to facilitate passing them on to the licensee.
5. RIII is working on a CAL that would capture long term actions such as monitoring the condition of the shield building and completing the root cause evaluation.
6. The date of the public meeting will likely occur the week of 12/12 to allow Rep. Kucinich to attend. Steve and I talked about the possibility of this occurring after a restart.
7. I confirmed that NRR was ready to support RIII and indicated that DORL will support coordination activities such as the technical review, CAL or possible Order (if needed).

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