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Good morning,

Meeting Comments

I took 3 hours and 14 minutes and watched the (8-7-2012) NRC-recorded "Briefing on the Status of Lessons Learned from the Fukushima Daiichi Accident." Here are some comments:

It begins with an (unrelated) Calvert Cliffs affirmation session.

It does not provide a title for the Fukushima-related meeting.

I initially had trouble hearing the audio: it being much too faint.

I was favorably impressed with the selection of members for the first, (non-NRC), panel.

Somewhere in the meeting, one commissioner stated that an overall integrated plan would have been more efficient. He is probably right. However, I do not believe we could have accepted the time (delay) necessary for this to have been done.

Another commissioner asked both panels to identify those unknown obstacles that might occur. I was puzzled by this predict-the-future question. We are doing FLEX because we, in Japan, were unable to predict the future.

When talking of unloading BWR elevated spent fuel pools, I would prefer that the terms "5 year unloading" or "delayed unloading" be used instead of the words I heard in the meeting.

Finally, the most valuable part of the meeting to me is the identification that we can't put a limit on time, (72 hours), that the station batteries are operable in an accident. I think this was covered by the 3rd NRC panelist from the left in response to a question by the chairman.

Thank you,

Tom Gurdziel