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To: [Modes, Kathy](#)
Subject: RE: SCWE
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Ms. Modes,

That was entirely my fault. I had it on my list too and was distracted by other things. The NRC is my priority so I won't make excuses.

The Safety Conscious Work Environment (SCWE) is front and center in the thinking and actions of the Radiation Safety Center for CB&I and for the predecessor Shaw Environmental Inc.

Our philosophy is that all workers on project sites have a right to expect that their concerns will be heard and that they will receive answers that close the loop on their concerns. This concept is part of the continuing training for our project personnel, is part of initial, site specific training, and is reinforced through our oversight, assessment, and audit activities.

We extend the concept generally to all sites because the discovery of un-scoped materials and the presence of industrial radiography operations can also cause employees to raise potential radiological safety questions where they may not be expected.

Our project sites are instructed to advocate for the position of radiation safety, use a questioning attitude when off-normal events occur, stop work rather than proceed in the face of uncertainty, contact me or any of the Radiation Safety Staff with questions, and if not satisfied with our response, to contact NRC of agreement state professionals.

Additional, although our group's turnover is very low, we review employment actions to ensure that there is no relationship between those actions and the raising of any safety concerns. This includes the review of personnel actions in groups outside our span of control.

We began taking these steps approximately 2.5 years ago. In our projects, this was not because of any known problems but because the profile of SCWE familiarization was not as high as I experienced in the nuclear power industry. In general, I have found the individual awareness quite high.

I will provide any additional information you desire and hope all is well.

Sincerely,

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From: Modes, Kathy [mailto:Kathy.Modes@nrc.gov]
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I jotted this down in my notes:

RSO will send email committing to include SCWE (see press release 9/17/2013) in his annual radiation safety training.
10/29/2013

But I have not received this email.

Help.

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