

McCallie, Karen

From: Blamey, Alan
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 4:05 PM
To: 'Barbara A Oneal'
Subject: RE: NFS Safety Culture Assessment ML13263A007

Barbara thanks for your comments and requests. In regard to your first comment my staff and I have been working closely with our safety culture experts in the Atlanta Office as well as Headquarters. While I acknowledge the safety culture reports are different, the reports represent an important component but not the only component that we will use to evaluate and assess compliance with the order. Currently, we plan to conduct several inspections in 2014 relating to safety culture focusing on, but not limited to, the Quality, Safety and Safeguards area.

Specifically, in response to your first request, we cannot provide an accession number for the March 2012 safety culture report because it wasn't submitted to the NRC. The 2012 assessment was an extra assessment that NFS chose to perform. It was not required to be completed and submitted under the order. With that said, if NFS plans to use this assessment to demonstrate sustained safety culture improvement we will request that NFS submit the report so it can be added to the official record.

In reference to your second request, we have made the most recent safety culture assessment available on the NFS information page of the NRC website. We continue to have a strong focus on preserving public health and safety as well as security and welcome your input.

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara A Oneal [mailto:barbaraoneal@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2013 11:26 AM
To: Blamey, Alan
Subject: Re: NFS Safety Culture Assessment ML13263A007

Alan: Thanks for sending this accession number. I have now read the very brief 69-page report (ML13263A009) Attachment 1, and have a couple of comments and further requests.

Comment: This assessment was far from comprehensive and paled in comparison to the other two reports, which were over 300 pages. It appeared to have been done rather hurriedly and contained no page numbers. Therefore it is hard to reference if one has questions. However, assuming you have read it, I have the following request.

Request #1: In the assessment, it stated that "the current March 2013 survey results do not differ from last year's survey results (March 2012), thus suggesting no change during the past year." We were not aware of another independent safety assessment in 2012. We would like to have the accession number for that report or a copy of it.

Request #2: That all of the Independent Safety Assessments be posted to the dedicated NFS site on the NRC website, as has been done in the past. Link below:

<http://www.nrc.gov/info-finder/materials/fuel-cycle/nuclear-fuel-services.html>

Comment: I also noted that employee interviews suggest: "there is concern that the safety culture is fragile and that it will become significantly less healthy when NRC pressure relents." Hopefully you read that part and will continue to be a significant presence at this licensee location, especially since the report stated that: "NFS appears to benchmark to minimum standards rather than to excellence." And that "it is important to note that

the area of Quality, Safety & Safeguards are lower than the other three groups that are available for comparison (i.e. Engineering, Operations, and Other)."

The areas of Quality, Safety & Safeguards are of utmost importance because, as you well know and according to the report, they contain such critical functions as: Nuclear Criticality Safety, Radiological Protection and Health Physics, Environmental and Industrial Safety, and Emergency Preparedness -- just to name a few.

According to the latest NRC IRR for this licensee dated Oct. 31, 2013, and even more so, the Response to Disputed Notice of Violation, dated Nov. 14, 2013, the NRC presence is apparent and we hope that presence never relents for the sake of the public and plant employees. Thank you.

Barbara O'Neal
f/Erwin Citizens Awareness Network, Inc.

----- Original Message -----

From: Alan Blamey <Alan.Blamey@nrc.gov>
To: Barbara A Oneal <barbaraoneal@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Tue, 29 Oct 2013 06:49:11 -0400 (EDT)
Subject: NFS Safety Culture Assessment ML13263A007

Barbara, thanks for your email. Based on our review yesterday we determined that the document was never made public after our initial review and recommendation to make it publically available in September 2013. Yesterday afternoon the document was made public and can be accessed at ML13263A007.

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara A Oneal [mailto:barbaraoneal@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 9:13 AM
To: Blamey, Alan
Subject: RE: Thank you Alan

Alan: I see (on ADAMS at ML13263A008) the Sep. 13, 2013 letter from NFS forwarding the safety assessment report, but am not finding the report. Could you give me the Accession Number or tell me where the report can be located?

Thanks,
Barbara O'Neal
f/Erwin Citizens Awareness Network, Inc.

----- Original Message -----

From: Alan Blamey <Alan.Blamey@nrc.gov>
To: Barbara A Oneal <barbaraoneal@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Tue, 24 Sep 2013 06:44:41 -0400 (EDT)
Subject: RE: Thank you Alan

Your Welcome. We have received the report and are working on making it publically available. I would expect it to be publically available in the next week or two.

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara A Oneal [mailto:barbaraoneal@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2013 12:48 PM
To: Blamey, Alan
Subject: Thank you Alan

Good Job!

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