

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman
Dr. Michael F. Kennedy
Dr. Richard E. Wardwell

In the Matter of

ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.

(Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3)

Docket Nos. 50-247-LR and 50-286-LR

ASLBP No. 07-858-03-LR-BD01

May 20, 2016

NOTICE

(Contact with NRC Employee)

On April 6, 2016, Judge Kennedy was contacted via telephone by Robert Beaton, a social acquaintance and former professional colleague.¹ The focus of this conversation was their mutual interest in baseball. However, during the course of the conversation, Mr. Beaton asked Judge Kennedy about recent developments at Indian Point. In response to Mr. Beaton's question, Judge Kennedy referenced the March 29, 2016, letter from the Indian Point attorneys regarding baffle-former bolts, which had altered the Board's schedule. After the conversation, Judge Kennedy and Mr. Beaton exchanged e-mails (copies attached).

¹ Between 2004 and 2008, Judge Kennedy and Mr. Beaton were both employed by Information Systems Laboratories, a consulting firm. Since 2010, Mr. Beaton has been employed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, currently in the Division of Safety Systems in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

The Board is not aware of any involvement by Mr. Beaton in the Indian Point proceeding, and these communications from Mr. Beaton will not be considered by the Board for any purpose or in any manner.²

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY
AND LICENSING BOARD

/RA/

Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland
May 20, 2016

² This Notice has been served this date by the Office of the Secretary on those designated in the accompanying service list through the agency's E-filing system and by e-mail.

Kennedy, Michael

From: Beaton, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 8:58 AM
To: Kennedy, Michael
Subject: RE: IP Bolts

Mike,

It is definitely strange that the missing pieces weren't/haven't been discovered or already caused some other damage. So when are you going up there to look for the missing parts? Don't forget to take your snorkel and wet suit.

I wonder if my branch will be involved with letting them start back up. I imagine there will be some discussions about whether they can start up if there are still missing pieces/parts in the RCS.

Robert

From: Kennedy, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 8:48 AM
To: Beaton, Robert <Robert.Beaton@nrc.gov>
Subject: IP Bolts

Robert,

I re-read the letter from the IP attorneys. They stated that inspection of 2000 baffle-former bolts (which includes the baffle-former and baffle-edge bolts) indicated missing bolts and bar meant to hold them in place and other degradation requiring replacement of the bolts – 227 of 832 baffle-former bolts. No baffle-edge bolts were failed. So where are the pieces parts – send in Waldo to look for them.

Mike

Kennedy, Michael

From: Beaton, Robert
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2016 3:02 PM
To: Kennedy, Michael
Subject: RE: IP Bolts

Mike,

Rumor is that the problems were caused by a SGTR back in 2000. Apparently, that event put a large DT across the core barrel region.

Robert

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