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Good morning,

I got directed to a NUREG as a possible source of information on a topic interesting to me. I was told that it is the one they use to teach NRC employees. Off that topic, but interesting none the less is this quote from page 5.4-5:

“6. Ensure that nonessential personnel are evacuated”

And the quote from page 5.4-14:

“..nonessential site personnel evacuate”

of NUREG/CR-6042, Rev. 2

This advice, available for at least 10 years before Fukushima Dai ichi, was needed by the Tokyo Electric Power Company to alleviate reported problems with adequate food, water, and sanitation facilities at their site. I did not see it applied. And, later, I did not even see it anywhere as a lesson to be (re)learned.

This question arises in my mind: did any NRC employee (at that time) remember this advice and attempt to pass it on through the then existing NRC chain of command in order to reduce the unpleasant situation in Japan?

Actually, it doesn't matter if 5 plus years ago, no employee attempted to pass on this advice or if all 3800 attempted to pass on this advice but were prevented by the then existing agency culture.

What does matter is this. In the future, when a possible solution presents itself to an NRC employee, do we want that possible solution passed on quickly or do we want to wait until we have all the facts, so that we can simply list all the things done wrong?

Thank you,

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