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Tom

I'm responding to your March 18 email to the Chairman with the subject "Loss of Focus/Getting Distracted."

First of all, thank you for the email; we appreciate your viewpoints. Maintaining focus and avoiding distractions is a challenge and we fully agree that the NRC must not let industry feedback get us to "take our eye off the ball."

One of the goals of any regulator is to ensure that regulations and their enforcement are clear, timely, consistently applied, repeatable, and fair. As a learning organization, the NRC needs to listen to and evaluate feedback from all stakeholders, including the industry. We must ensure we are operating efficiently and effectively - carrying out our mission of protecting public health and safety, and the environment without placing an unnecessary burden on the licensees we regulate. Ensuring that the NRC is consistent across regions in how regulations are enforced is a reasonable request and something the NRC should consider.

That being said, it certainly does not mean that the NRC inspectors in Region X or Region Y are any less competent or dedicated to meeting the NRC's mission. The NRC inspectors at each power plant in all regions are extremely particular, dedicated, and professional. We take great pride in our work not only because we are regulators, but we are also members of the community near nuclear power plants. The public we are protecting include our families, friends, and neighbors.

While the NRC Reactor Oversight Program continues to evolve, sometimes due to input from industry or stakeholder groups, I can assure you the NRC is committed to maintaining its focus on safety and not being distracted.

We look forward to seeing you at the Nine Mile Point/Fitzpatrick Annual Assessment Meeting on April, 20 and would be glad to discuss this topic further with you.

Respectfully,

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