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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lee V. Gossick, Executive Director for Operations  
FROM: Richard C. DeYoung, Deputy Staff Director  
NRC TMI Special Inquiry Staff  
SUBJECT: STAFF KNOWLEDGE OF B&W EMPLOYEES' ATTEMPTS TO RAISE SAFETY CONCERNS

The Washington Post of July 19, 1979, contained an article entitled, "Engineers Say Reactor Builder Ignored Warnings." (copy enclosed) in which it was reported that Joseph J. Kelly and Bert M. Dumm, Babcock & Wilcox engineers, attempted to have B&W customers alerted to a transient which occurred at Davis-Besse Unit 1 on September 24, 1977. It has been alleged that this transient is similar in many ways to the transient at TMI-2 on March 28, 1979. According to the Washington Post article, B&W supervisors refused to send customers the notification recommended by its engineers.

We would appreciate knowing whether the NRC is looking into this from the standpoint of 10 CFR Part 21. Also, please provide any information which NRC already has developed or is developing on this matter.

We would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. If further information is necessary, please contact Fred Hebdon of this staff, who is available at 492-8947, M/S AR-400.

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