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John:

This is what one member of the public believes and I think he is right.

I see VY started up last night. The NRC is the same old agency except one thing. They've tried to inoculate themselves from the outsider's by keeping VY shutdown for an extra two weeks-the new NRC. They found many licencing-bases deficiencies including Vernon tie/DG's.

I guess the stability and reliability of the grid is more important than the safety of the communities surrounding the plant -classic short term vs long term thinking. Of course they have to provide cover for the massive mismanagement with the elect system. They've made a monster- the inhumane choice between the political fallout with grid troubles or living with wounded operating Nuclear plants. Either shoot yourself or keep the con going. I think they see that if VY was to remain shutdown and they had a few more failures at other plants, NE would be in big trouble during the early winter. Its capacity is amazingly brittle.

It looks to me the NRC is acting in its typical technical way. During a crisis they instinctually put on the blinders-justification and rationalization, which temporality delays the crisis, but makes the hole deeper. I guess they allowed the plant to startup while everyone is thinking over the issues. It was running safely before, right. They never ask themselves; if the employees allowed the plant to intentionally run outside the licensing bases-broke the law-can we trust them in an accident. Can we trust the facility to respond within the license bases. The NRC never looks in a "forward looking way," or acts on in a proactive way; a systemic defect. Imagine how "chilling" the atmosphere would be in VY with the NRC allowing operation in such distorted ethic's environment.

I think the increasing degraded conditions of the elect system will overwhelm the management and control of the systems. Worst yet, the failure's or anticipated crisis, will push the operators and regulators into more riskfull behavior in an attempt to save themselves: that's what the problems at VY symbolizes.

Are the big utilities and Nuc's playing chicken hoping to effect path of deregulation. Can you imagine the headlines if they are deaths during a blackout in the winter and all that potential freeze damage.

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