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From: Martin, Robert *MR*
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2011 5:15 PM
To: Garmon, David
Cc: Kolcum, Gregory; Clagg, Rodney; Kulesa, Gloria; Boyle, Patrick
Subject: RE: Level 0 INES Rating of North Anna Alert Declaration after Mineral, VA Earthquake

This is confusing regarding when you want to send it to the licensee. Do you first want to get staff agreement on it, then send it to the licensee? Or are you far enough along with it that you want me to send it to the licensee now?

I see that you sent it to the Senior NRC Resident, from whom I expect you will get any comment on its technical accuracy. I have no comment on it.

From: Garmon, David *MR*
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2011 3:37 PM
To: Martin, Robert
Cc: Kulesa, Gloria; Bernardo, Robert; McCoy, Gerald; Kolcum, Gregory; Clagg, Rodney; Ninh, Son; Thorp, John
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Robert,

In accordance with MD 5.12 and as noted in IN 2009-27 and RIS 2002-01, the NRC will submit events to the IAEA International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale (INES) publicly available NEWS website if they are determined to have a rating of Level 2 or higher, or as requested by another INES member nation. Yesterday's earthquake and subsequent Alert declaration at North Anna due to a LOOP satisfies the criteria of INES reporting.

Attached is the Event Reporting Form (ERF) that is used to report events to the INES website (Press Release 11-153 is linked here). This event has been provisionally rated as a Level 0; pending any significant findings from reactive inspections (if applicable). Please review the ERF and comment as you see fit. This version is making its way through the NRR concurrence process so please let me know if there are any significant changes you would like to see.

Once we agree on the writeup, we will have to provide it to the licensee for their review before we submit it to the INES. If you don't have significant changes to the content please forward this to the licensee at your earliest opportunity.

The timeliness goal for INES ratings is 48 hours from the event time, so we are shooting for release by tomorrow.

Thank you for your time and please feel free to give me a call if you have questions.

Regards,
 David Garmon

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