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**From:** "Michael Mulligan" <steamshovel@adelphia.net>  
**To:** "Dave Lochbaum" <dlochbaum@ucsusa.org>, "Victor Dricks" <vld@nrc.gov>  
**Date:** 2/21/02 1:21PM  
**Subject:** Safety Concern, percieved fraudulent activity by Exelon.

Mr Dricks,

This is copied from the yahoo Exelon message board. Where does the public get an understanding from NRC documents that Exc is being forced to change by the NRC or is in trouble. I have the feeling that the NRC has a process, an un-pubic process of protection and secrecy, of these utilities. The theme is there is tremendous amounts of employee discontent at these facilities (and the NRC) that is being filtered out from the public view. Why doesn't your inspection reports discuss these issues that may end up being a precursor to an accident and may be a broad based reflection on a forward looking decline indication of many plants? Is you regulatory oversite of the facilities to simplistic, in that it just monitors and publically informs the technical and operational aspects of the industry.

I believe the public discussion of these problems would be the quickest way on recovery of this corporation and the employee. I believe it is in our national interest that this turmoil be expressed openly, so that other areas of the country could discuss similar problem and come to a broad based conclusion to these problems. There is a theme of intimidation and callousness of Exelon management throughout these messages (as Enron). There are sharks in the water it seems. Could this reckless "Enron like" management of corporations lead to the a decline of grid reliability and a inhibition of planning for our energy future? Could a broad based senior management defect of these corporations ( the self serving deals with stocks, bonds, debts, budgets and regulator influence) lead to a reactor accident? Is this guy right that deregulation is beginning to cause enormous unforeseen pressures on these utilities?

I request that you begin monitoring yahoo message boards (and others) for indications of nuclear safety fraud and falsification. This message by me is not confidential.

mike mulligan

Re: Reality Check  
by: glowinbrite (M/Toms River, NJ)  
Long-Term Sentiment: Strong Sell 02/15/02 09:40 pm  
Msg: 1838 of 1883

Point of Order..."facts" are by their very nature "true" therefore if the "facts" did not fit the case in question they would be irrelative, irrespective, unrelated or; arbitrary.

That said - unions are not the answer though in the case of EXC they may help bring about the eventual downfall of the corporation sooner (which I for one would applaud) rather than later. Union or not, if employees are (as a group) willing to become mediocre slaves to management sycophants then "management" will win out. If employees - as a group - refuse to work the 60 hours for 40 hours pay, refuse to falsify the on-shift rotation log (have seen with my own eyes) and refuse to "stretch" the truth in order to satisfy an NRC commitment or requirement then the company will be forced to change.

Enclosure

Deregulation will, in the long run, be the worst thing that could happen to either the industry or the workers in it. The employees are losing the protection afforded by the guarantees of oligopoly, the stockholders are losing the ability to write off those poor performing months and the public is losing the only thing that held the industry safety standards as the foremost objective.

I have left EXC and am doing independent work now for two other utilities (CEG/ETR). Their problems and challenges are similar - their methods are not and that will make all the difference in the world.

Union or not makes little difference. I would encourage bringing in the union - that will hasten the demise of the company which IMO would be a good thing.

Posted as a reply to: Msg 1835 by in\_or\_out1970

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