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To: "Phil Qualls" <PMQ@nrc.gov>
Date: 6/26/03 7:27AM
Subject: RE: memory test and possible warning

Hello Old Friend. Good to hear from you.

Sorry for the delayed response. I've been in France and Belgium over the last two weeks, retracing the route of Napoleon's army during the Waterloo Campaign.

It's hard to imagine how anyone could identify me as the "technical input." I left NRC in February of 1990. Sounds to me like the PM wrote the SER.

NRC had a fire protection section. When I left, Rex Wescott, David Notley and Steve (?) were the staff FPEs.

Let me know if there is anything more that I can do for you on this. Call me if it's more convenient.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Phil Qualls [mailto:PMQ@nrc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2003 10:11 AM
To: Kubicki, Dennis
Subject: memory test and possible warning

I suspect that you have forgotten how much fun we have here when a plant has problems. Every little issue makes the press and everyone in the agency lines up to play kick the cripple. Anyway, as a result of boric acid corrosion eating a softball size void through the pressure vessel head (leaving only the SS liner) at Davis Besse, they are the current cripple.

A Region III inspection recently found a SER dated May 31, 1991 which approves some pretty outrageous stuff. Things like going to TAF (for a B&W unit) due to PORV opening (does anyone still remember TMI?), complete manual actions (in lieu of barriers for III.G.2), and a variety of fire protection issues (barriers tested with marinite board but is OK not to put in plant as it was only for the test). Unfortunately, for the licensee, the SER is only an SER. There is no license amendment or exemption granted with the SER (some apparent disconnect there too).

These are things that I have not seen you approve like this in a lot of other SERs that you wrote. You are listed as the technical input. I think, though, that this was written after you went to DOE and written by a PM. The RAIs, which got the information this was based on, I can believe that you may have written. They were reasonable questions.

Anyway, when did you go to DOE? I seem to recall either '89 or '90 timeframe. I don't think that the NRC had a fire protection section in 1991. Also, I wanted to warn you that your name is on this document. The s--- could hit the fan hard and you may hear questions (or the s--- may be soft and you never hear about it too).

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Phil