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Subject: Event Number 41110 at Hope Creek, also, 41109

Good morning,

I was about to write and ask why a 0350 committee has not been formed by Region I at Hope Creek/Salem on the basis of a NY Times article published October 11, 2004 when I began to read today's event reports.

So, let me ask: Why hasn't a 0350 committee been formed at a plant where, to believe the article, plant workers do not report equipment needing maintenance since they can be confident that it will NOT be fixed?

Also, I found interesting the following comment from this Event Report: "The HPCI vacuum tank vacuum pump tripped on an overload/power failure condition, and use was not desired." Isn't this what we used to call "INOP". And didn't it make the entire system inoperable?

Has Region I sent a team to investigate, given that an 8 inch is reported to have failed?

Would you say that this might be an example of failure to apply nuclear industry operating experience that could have been obtained from the Japanese commercial nuclear industry, where they also recently experienced pipe failure?

Was the declaration of an emergency condition called for?

Thank you,

Tom Gurdziel

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