

From: Glenn Meyer *RM*
To: Barber, Scott; Miller, Hubert J.
Date: 4/27/04 9:15AM
Subject: Re: Role of [redacted] in following up allegation

While it could be murky as to what the actions of NRC and [redacted] represent and where the responsibilities divide, in the specific case it appears to be straight-forward. Mel has spoken with [redacted] and the specific case appears to be the B EDG and its intercooler pump leaks of June 2003. We did extensive inspection on this and documented findings. As such, our interaction with [redacted] will be for Mel to convey the extensive record of our inspections, and the roles of NRC and [redacted] should be pretty clear. Mel is prepared for this and expects [redacted] to be onsite on Wednesday.

Glenn

>>> Hubert J. Miller 04/26/04 10:45PM >>>
I tried to be clear in my original email

we own nuclear safety..... no negotiating anything here...we cannot abdicate this responsibility.

...[redacted] can observe or follow us....not the other way around.....[redacted] can talk to whomever they want but we can do nothing to compromise on this. supporting their effort, in effect, does this.

please talk to me before anything that could even be interpreted as 'supporting [redacted] in following up on safety concerns is done....

>>> Scott Barber 04/26/04 04:42PM >>>

I think it is good to build cooperation with [redacted] and I know we tried to do that in the 95 - 98 Salem Restart era. However, I'm not sure if we want to advertise that we are providing inspection assistance to them. I am fairly certain that there is nothing in the [redacted] of an NRC regulated activity. I did talk to Mel and he has a clear image that he is leading the information retrieval activity (i.e. the inspection), but [redacted] may think they have the lead to gather the information. Do you think that we should clarify our respective roles or do you think [redacted] is clear on the matter?

>>> Glenn Meyer 04/23/04 02:06PM >>>

I reached [redacted] this morning and we discussed [redacted] interest in following up on a concern on (Hope Creek) diesel generators (EDGs). The allexer has provided information from a plant individual who wants to remain anonymous, and the information relates to EDG concerns raised within the PSEG work system which have not been addressed. We agreed to work together to determine the status of the concerns.

I offered various options for the followup, but [redacted] was reluctant to allow us to enter it as an allegation and do the followup, to provide a copy of the notification, or to give us the notification number. [redacted] prefers that the [redacted] arrange to visit Hope Creek within weeks and to work through the specifics with the residents, who can access the notification system. I agreed with the approach and briefed Mel Gray, who is prepared to make the arrangements and proceed.

I view the effort as inspection assistance to [redacted] and given the likelihood that the concerns have already been addressed within our inspection program, I do not currently plan to enter the concerns as an allegation.

Glenn

>>> Hubert J. Miller 04/21/04 11:33AM >>>
good instincts on this

we should keep safety related issues within our program and use the established protocols with [redacted] to give them the visibility they think they need on how the issues are being handled.

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this, of course, presumes that the diesel issue is being addressed within our process...

>>> Robert Bores 04/16/04 02:53PM >>>

I got a call at 1425hr on Friday (4/16) from [REDACTED] as a result of the meeting between [REDACTED] and the Salem/Hope Creek whistle blower. [REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED] is interested in following up on one of the identified issues, that relating to the diesel generator. They were looking at developing a plan to do that in conjunction with the resident inspectors.

Since we may already have worked this issue, I suggested that a better approach might be to see if we had the issue, if so where we were in the follow-up process, and have [REDACTED] obtain the information from us, rather than to try and re-cover areas we've already done. I suggested that the Branch Chief, Glenn Meyer should be the prime contact on this. [REDACTED] agreed with this and asked that Glenn call on Monday to discuss. I can be available Monday morning to facilitate if desired.

[REDACTED]

bob

CC: Blough, A. Randolph; Bores, Robert; Gray, Mel; Orr, Daniel; Vito, David; Wiggins, James; Wilson, Ernest