

From: Mel Gray *ML*
To: Daniel Orr; George Malone; Glenn Meyer; Marc Ferdas
Date: 2/17/04 3:48PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Time frame & authenticity of PSEG root cause report

Glenn, Marc and I quickly reviewed along with George.

The attached is from significance level 1 notification 20161225 This was initiated in October 2003. It's been closed to another level 1 which is still open.

This S/L rolled up a number of previous level 1 notifications and looked for a common thread. [REDACTED] performed the analysis. I remember talking to [REDACTED] about it a number of months ago. *7C*

[REDACTED] concluded that common thread was that (1) managers don't understand program requirements and (2) don't hold people accountable. Another contributor is that (3) products delivered from organization to organization are inferior, and organizations are not held accountable.

Most of the cited level 1 notifications mentioned played out in NRC inspection reports. They are as follows:

70027584 was a roll-up of NRC inspection results for Salem and HC in October 2002.

70028106 was for Salem PORV misassembly w/o spacer, played out in Salem IR.

70026521, FRVS controller issue cited in HC IR 2002-006 (11/02)

70032416, General work control shortcomings, no specific NRC IR documentation, but known weakness.

70033541, In 9/2003 HC recirc MG set recirc fan failed to start when inservice fan tripped. Downpower to 93%. Multiple maintenance related failures. However, non safety BOP SSC that did trip NRC PI. mentioned in IR but no findings.

Our take is that while the conclusions regarding accountability problems and inadequacies in deliverables from organization to organization are valid conclusions, the SL description tends to over-reach in globally condemning all managers and functions as inadequate. Time frame of issues is from 2002 to 9/2003.

>>> Glenn Meyer 02/17/04 01:51PM >>>

Residents - We have been provided the attached report via the allegor as evidence that "things are getting worse, not better..." It appears to be a Salem root cause evaluation [REDACTED] Also, it appears to be a year old, given an October 2002 reference and old examples. As I'm not familiar with their root cause evaluations, I would appreciate your view. Look familiar and/or valid? Recognize [REDACTED] as someone involved in such work? What's your estimate of time frame? *ML*

As the possibility continues to exist of a meeting Wednesday night with maintenance workers (still trying to confirm), a read on this evaluation is important. Please work together to efficiently get a sense of what this evaluation represents. I'll call separately.

Glenn

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