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Subject: Call from RI-2004-A-0028 allegor (TMI - welder training)

I got a call from the allegor this morning. He had not received the closure letter for RI-2004-A-0028 as yet. He indicated that he was still concerned with the amount of training welders received before they were expected to be knowledgeable. I told him that our closure letter was in the mail and that he was welcome to call me back after he read the details of our response. He agreed, but added an additional comment. He indicated that he had just taken a 4-day intensive course with a qualified welding instructor in stainless stick welding (which he had never done before). He indicated that it appears that they are accelerating his training to try to get him doing work in the field and he's not sure how confident he will be with the work (he feels he needs more time for training and practice). I asked him how many people took the stainless stick welding training with him, and he said that it was one-on-one training....he was the only student. In response, I told him that it's somewhat difficult for the NRC to judge how much training is enough for craft skill type issues, but that it sounded like they think he is a pretty good welder, and were looking to expand his expertise. He agreed that he is a pretty good welder, and again agreed to look at our response to the prior allegation and call if he had any questions.

CC: Leanne Harrison; Sharon Johnson

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