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Subject: Re: another question on the VY missing fuel

Thanks Diane. I think RI still has the lead on the "mini comm plan" and associated Q&As for the missing fuel pin issue. I'm forwarding this to Don and Cliff to incorporate.

>>> Diane Screnci 05/05/04 03:10PM >>>

A reporter sent me an email asking questions about statements made about the spent fuel pool inventory at the public meeting. Here's the reponse I provided. Perhaps we can include this in the Q&A

QUESTION: do you have any comment on the issue of Pelton saying on march 31 that he had "verified" the fuel pool inventory, when in fact he hadn't?

ANSWER:

Susan,

At the public meeting, the Resident Inspector described what inspection had been conducted to date on the spent fuel pool verification. He explained the inspectors had challenged the company on a number of points where the inspectors did not understand how the company followed its processes for inventory. At the time of the meeting, according to an NRC inspection report: Entergy personnel had looked from the refueling floor to determine if they could see the two fuel rod segments stored in the container on the bottom of the spent fuel pool. Although the Entergy personnel believed they saw some indication that the fuel rod segments were in the container, the indication was not of sufficient detail and clarity to definitively conclude that the two fuel rod segments were stored in the container. Entergy personnel planned to perform a detailed inspection of the container using equipment that would be available during the April 2004 refueling outage.

So, Entergy's work was ongoing at the time of the meeting in March.

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