

From: Rani Franovich *NRR*
To: A. Randolph Blough
Date: 3/28/05 4:27PM
Subject: Re: letters on Salem/Hope creek OI findings - - NRR withholding concurrence??

Hi Randy,

I spoke with Rick Urban about the request for NRR's concurrence on these letters last week. I indicated to Rick that NRR would follow the normal process for "3-week E-mails" in response to OI case findings... the exception being that Region I had asked for an expeditious review (i.e., within one or two days). The normal process is for the OI case to be summarized by the Regional Enforcement Coordinator and distributed to the NRR Enforcement Coordinator (as well as others in OI, OE and OGC) via email with the following statement at the end: "If no other views are received within 3 weeks of the date of this e-mail, the aforementioned letters will be sent."

For the Salem/Hope Creek letters, NRR has no reason to believe that the wrong conclusions have been reached by OI. Therefore, no "differing view" has been expressed. However, NRR is not normally asked to concur on these types of letters; in my view, this was no exception.

So, NRR is not withholding its concurrence. Rather, it is refraining from expressing an "other view," in accordance with the established process. I informed NRR management of the pending letters last week, for their information (attached), and copied Rick Urban.

Sorry for any confusion this has created in Region I.
Rani

>>> A. Randolph Blough *RT* 03/28/05 10:48AM >>>

I'm hearing, indirectly, that NRR may be withholding concurrence...these are important Agency actions that include a major comm plan, and i would therefore think we are much better prepared to go forward if we are all together on this. Do we need to slip the schedule?
could one of you call and fill me in? I'm at 610-337-5229.
after 12:15 i will be enroute to millstone, but available by cell phone:

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thanks.
randy

CC: Bruce Boger; Cornelius Holden; Daniel Holody; Darrell Roberts; David Vito; Ernest Wilson; Frank Congel; James Lyons; James Trapp; Jennifer Uhle; Lisamarie Jarriel; Michael Case; Richard Laufer; Richard Urban; Samuel Hansell; Tad Marsh