

From: Marc Ferdas  
To: David Vito  
Date: 1/21/04 3:53PM  
Subject: Re: Phone Call w/RI-2003-A-0110 Salem/HC SCWE Allegor

I do not recall receiving any calls last Thursday or any other day alluding to safety concerns and/or SCWE

Marc

>>> David Vito 01/21/04 02:28PM >>>  
- SENSITIVE ALLEGATION INFORMATION -  
- PROTECT ACCORDINGLY -

- URGENT -

Just spoke with the allegor to get her response to comments she made to Brian Holian last week. She affirmed that the two individuals she mentioned as corroborating her continuing concerns were [REDACTED] and that her comments were in relation to information we already have.

Of more importance, she indicated that she has been working with Dave Lochbaum in the drafting of a 2.206 petition, which according to her, is essentially completed. She told me that Dave Lochbaum spoke with Commissioner Merrifield this morning, and that while he complimented Region I's efforts to date, he essentially issued an ultimatum to the Commissioner that: unless Region I acts, or gives indication that they are going to take some sort of action against PSEG shortly, the 2.206 petition will be submitted. 7C


She said that she is still getting relatively frequent calls from site employees indicating that there are problems with safety equipment at the site and that they are being pressured to suppress issues (i.e., not write Notifications). She said that as a result, people are still reluctant to raise issues. I asked her if she was talking about issues we had not heard of before and if she could give me specifics. She indicated that she couldn't provide specifics at this time on the phone, but noted that she has been telling people to call the NRC directly with their issues. She indicated that we could possibly have received a call last Thursday about something at the site (the allegation office is not aware of an issue received last Thursday, and in any event, I did not indicate to her whether we had received anything). She summarized that the continuous input she is getting from site workers is reaffirming her belief that something needs to be done quickly by the NRC about the work environment situation at Salem/HC.

I told her that Hub had spoken with me about his conversation with her a couple of weeks ago, and I didn't feel that I could say anything more to her today about the NRC's position on this matter. We then had a brief discussion about the differences between the allegation process and the 2.206 process.

A couple of minutes after our initial conversation ended, she called back to give me the name and phone number of another individual at the site who has been anxious for some time now about issues at the site and wants to talk to the NRC. She indicated that the individual was a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. She wasn't sure if the individual was related to a specific plant or part of a general maintenance crew that serves both sites. She said that we should talk to him but asked that we take special care not to use her name when we approach him. [REDACTED]

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**From:** Scott Barber   
**To:** A. Randolph Blough  
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I did not get a call. The only recent calls that I'm aware of have been return calls to Eileen to setup interviews. I'm doing interviews tonight at 8:00 p.m. on site and tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Glenn will be back tomorrow but will be in RTM training all day, and he's been out of the loop for about a week. Could we talk on Friday instead?

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allegor says we may have gotten a call last thurs from another concerned individual. We need to quickly find out if anyone in the branch had any contacts that might be what she's referring to. Also, I need the Branch's thinking about the issue in general; let's talk tomorrow am.

**CC:** Brian Holian; David Vito; Eileen Neff; Ernest Wilson; Glenn Meyer