

From: A. Randolph Blough
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 3/10/04 9:58AM
Subject: Re: Important PSEG Update

Kymn,

Thanks for relaying what you have heard.

We knew our letter of 1/28/04 would create turmoil; I think we are still early in the overall addressal of the issues there.

We are continuing to watch the site closely and to be attuned to what is happening.

The region 1 management team is putting a huge amount of attention into this effort.

randy

>>> [REDACTED] 03/09/04 11:52PM >>>

Randy,

I received a rather disturbing phone call tonight from a very reliable, highly-in-the-know source. I was told "someone should get this information to Hub Miller." When I mentioned Hub would be at the conference in Washington, the person expressed a willingness to speak with him there. In case that doesn't happen, I offer you the following:

PSEG upper management in Newark, along with a team of lawyers from Morgan Lewis, has taken over "architecting" responses to the NRC and any related plans for the site. (This is, at least in part, because Mr. Miller's letter was addressed to [REDACTED]) There's now an all-out effort to protect him as [REDACTED] brought in by [REDACTED] "make a difference" and lead the SCWE initiatives, has been told point-blank he "has no authority" and to "stay out of this" by the Newark-based team. His viewpoints and expertise are not being solicited. He and [REDACTED] are largely at the mercy of whatever is decided by "Newark."

This is one of the problems I have repeatedly voiced—people with little or no nuclear experience and far removed from the site are running the show. I personally have been concerned that laudable [REDACTED] was not going to have the authority or latitude to make the kinds of changes needed. Unfortunately, I've been proven right. Hub Miller and [REDACTED] have both, it seems to me, heralded the "new leadership" as a sign of promise for the site; yet, if that "new leadership" is still controlled by the old leadership, real improvement will be thwarted.


This latest bit of information gives further credence to a gnawing fear many have expressed—PSEG isn't serious about addressing the Hope Creek/Salem workplace concerns. Instead it is more focused on finding ways to "placate" the NRC and get itself out of regulatory hot water by any means necessary, except by actually solving the real problems. Remember [REDACTED] statement: "Mediocre is okay, if it is cost-effective." The only problem is "mediocre" and "cost effective" do not equate to nuclear safety and a SCWE being assured.

I have lost all faith in PSEG doing the right thing. As much as I hate to get to this point, my faith in the NRC is beginning to wane as well.

Kymn

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gina,
please check with Jim Wiggins and, if jim agrees, brief hub on this email when he calls in from the RIC.
Dave/Glenn: anything else we should do?
I will sent a brief acknowledgement, and will cc you

CC: Djv; Gwm