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Subject: Fwd: Gloucester Times re PSEG

Randy,

In the following article, PSEG Nuclear Spokesman Skip Sindoni "denied allegations that employees are afraid to express safety concerns."

I find this to be a contradiction of what PSEG officers said at the public meeting re. the poor condition of the SCWE.

Mr. Sindoni should not be permitted to mislead the public.

Kymn

In a message dated 3/28/2004 11:12:31 PM Eastern Standard Time, Drkymn writes:

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Small crowd marks TMI accident with protests at Salem reactors

The Associated Press
3/28/2004, 10:23 p.m. ET

LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK, N.J. (AP) — A crowd of about 45 people marked the 25th anniversary of the Three Mile Island nuclear accident with a protest at the Salem and Hope Creek nuclear plants that called for their shutdown.

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Former employee Kymn Harvin complained to the crowd about safety at the plants operated by Public Service Enterprise Group's nuclear division, the Gloucester County Times reported. She said federal regulators would not allow the restart of a nuclear plant in Ohio until safety problems there were corrected. Harvin asserted that conditions at the Ohio plant were better than those at the Salem County reactors. "Every day and night for the past year, I, and many others, have wondered if the problems at Salem and Hope Creek would lead to a nuclear accident," said Harvin, who claims said she was fired by PSEG a year ago in retaliation for raising safety issues to management.

PSEG spokesman Skip Sindoni said the Salem facilities are operating safely. He denied allegations that employees are afraid to express safety concerns. Workers can raise issues with managers directly, anonymously through an employee program or take them to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Sindoni said. "I remain confident in the safe operation of the station," he said. Sindoni said new management was hired last year and personnel were added to

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each site to improve accountability.

In January, the NRC said it was probing how the power plants handled safety issues raised by employees, based on information from NRC inspections and various allegations the agency received over the past few years. The NRC also asked PSEG to do its own assessment of the matter.

Sunday's protest was organized by the group UNPLUG Salem.

The reactor core meltdown at the Three Mile Island power plant near Harrisburg, Pa., on March 28, 1979, remains the United States' worst nuclear accident. The incident gripped the nation for five days, prompting fears of a massive radiation release.

The meltdown resulted in little release of radiation and there was no evidence of long-term harm to public health. But the incident was a watershed for the nuclear industry and the government officials who regulate it.

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