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(Long Pause)

I want to say this appropriately.....(pause).....I am very concerned about what's going on behind the fence. The message that's being sent, whether intended or not, is that production and getting the Hope Creek unit back on line is more important than nuclear safety.

[REDACTED] Yeah, I appreciate that feedback. I don't believe it, but I appreciate it, right? And you know, apparently [REDACTED] had a hard time with the work issues relating to the...uh...a recirc pump purge line...that was indicated and...took a lot of action over that...(inaudible)...but...you know....it's clear.

Harvin: So when the guys with the licenses say that they are being pressured to start the unit back up and don't believe it is safe to do so, I owe you that feedback.

[REDACTED] And I appreciate that.

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[REDACTED] Yep.

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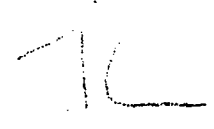
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