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The allegor contacted me this morning. She knew that I still owed her an acknowledgment letter and wanted to know if we had reached a conclusion with regard to our approach to the SCWE matter. I told her that we had a meeting yesterday and discussed options, but that we hadn't made final plans as to our approach. The allegor indicated that she didn't feel that an NRC request for a response from PSEG would accomplish anything because they would just feed us the company line and tell us that everything was alright, just as they did to her with the review that was undertaken by ECP after she left (in response to the comments she had made in her 3/25/03 letter to [REDACTED]). I briefly discussed with her the options available to us and that any one or a combination of those options might be used.

Regarding our review approach, she offered an option that she felt would be most effective. Acknowledging that comments will have to be obtained from a number of people in order for the NRC to obtain a comprehensive picture of the work environment, the allegor suggested that the NRC consider interviewing them in larger groups, or preferably one very large group. Her reasoning was based on her previous comments that site staff has been informed that they are obliged to inform management about questions asked of them by the NRC, i.e., if we interview individuals one at a time, it won't take long for PSEG management to learn what we are asking, and calibrate the rest of the staff accordingly.

She again expressed concern that we need to get on top of this as quickly as possible. She asked if I knew that all three plants were shut down and I acknowledged that I did. She then opined that if we could reach a decision quickly enough, we could take an action to keep them all shut down until we are satisfied that the SCWE at Artificial Island is acceptable. I responded that we are taking her concerns very seriously and that we understand her position, but noted that there is a lot of information on our plate at this time to digest, and that it will take time for us to put together a viable strategy and to gather appropriate and sufficient follow-up information to enable us to make an informed decision. She reluctantly acknowledged.

She then informed me that she would be providing me with the final version of her civil discrimination complaint against PSEG, indicating that it contained more detail than the draft version she had previously provided. I received that document from her via e-mail this afternoon. She informed me that she would not be telling anyone that she had filed the complaint, but indicated that it was likely that this would become a "big issue" after the complaint is filed with the courts. She stated that she has not restricted her attorney from discussing the facts of the case with external entities (media, state/local government reps.) if asked. She indicated that she just wanted to warn us of the possibility of this becoming a public issue very quickly. I thanked her for the warning.

She then told me that she had just learned that [REDACTED] I acknowledged that this was true. She informed me that this had caused her a bit of apprehension as to our efforts. I asked why. She indicated that [REDACTED] was as close the management issues she refers to as she was, and she assumed that when [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Based on her assumption, she was surprised that the NRC hadn't taken action much sooner to arrest the SCWE problem at AI. I told her that I could not comment on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She indicated that she understood.

Finally, she wanted to remind me that 85 management personnel were being laid off today as part of the "reorganization."

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