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From: Poehler, Jeffrey *NR*
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 11:14 AM
To: Lupold, Timothy; Hiland, Patrick
Subject: RE: rapidly moving media story

They were looking for underclad cracking, that's why they went beyond the normal inspection volume (according to the Word Document).

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From: Lupold, Timothy *NR*
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To: Hiland, Patrick; Poehler, Jeffrey
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We should be able to address many of them. We cannot speak for their regulator or what they are requiring the licensee to do. Part of what this meeting that Bob is attending is to discuss the issue and determine what future actions may be appropriate. As of now, inspections are planned at Tihange U2. I do not know why they were doing the inspections in the areas they were doing them. The areas where they detected these indications are outside of the areas that are required to be inspected.

From: Hiland, Patrick *NR*
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 11:02 AM
To: Poehler, Jeffrey; Lupold, Timothy
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Can the two of you address these topics?

From: Merzke, Daniel *NR*
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 10:22 AM
To: Hiland, Patrick
Cc: Roque-Cruz, Carla; Rosenberg, Stacey; Dorman, Dan
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Tom is also recommending someone who can speak to ISI and vessel inspections to attend the briefing this afternoon. The attached e-mail has additional information from Belgium (wait for the translation). As soon as someone can give me a name and availability, I'll work with the Chairman's office to set up the briefing.

Dan

From: Dorman, Dan *NR*
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 10:14 AM
To: Hiland, Patrick
Cc: Boger, Bruce; Roque-Cruz, Carla; Merzke, Daniel

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Heads up – looking for a brief to the Chairman on Doel 3 RPV issue and our plan of action.

From: Merzke, Daniel
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To: Roque-Cruz, Carla
Cc: Boger, Bruce; Dorman, Dan
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Carla, below is the information I got from Tom Hipschman. We need to set up a briefing for the Chairman this afternoon, if possible. Topics are what 10 U.S. plants had pressure vessels made from the same Belgian manufacturer, and what staff is planning to do with the information. I'm checking with OIP to see if they want to participate in the briefing as well. Obviously we're on a very short fuse for this one. Please let me know if someone in NRR can speak to these issues. Thanks.

Dan

From: Hipschman, Thomas *OCM*
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 10:01 AM
To: Merzke, Daniel
Subject: FW: rapidly moving media story

From: Zimmerman, Jacob *OCM*
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 9:58 AM
To: Hipschman, Thomas; Sanfilippo, Nathan
Cc: Niedzielski-Eichner, Phillip
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My recommendation is that the Chairman be provided a short briefing today of our current understanding of the issue and actions NRC Staff are taking in response to this information.

Jake

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From: Hipschman, Thomas
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To: Zimmerman, Jacob; Sanfilippo, Nathan
Cc: Niedzielski-Eichner, Phillip
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I have a little background that came in. I'll look up some additional info. I can also ask the EDO's office if they have someone that can brief the Chairman if you want.

Tom

From: Zimmerman, Jacob
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 9:46 AM
To: Sanfilippo, Nathan; Hipschman, Thomas
Cc: Niedzielski-Eichner, Phillip
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Nathan/Tom

Not sure how you have handled this in the past, but this is something you need to be in the loop on in support of Chairman Macfarlane.

Jake

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From: Brenner, Eliot *10817*
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Cc: Zimmerman, Jacob; Johnson, Michael
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We are starting to take calls about the Belgian announcement that what appear to be indications of potential cracks or problems have been found with one of their reactors. The Belgians report there are 10 U.S. reactors with pressure vessels from the same Belgian manufacturer, though we do not know if the manufacturing processes were the same. They date back to the '60 and '70s in manufacturer, and some (Watts Bar) were not put in service until the '90s.

We are telling reporters that at Belgium's request the NRC is sending an expert over to a meeting of countries with vessels from the same manufacturer, that we want to learn more about the testing that was done and methods that were used, and that we have no indication now of any issues with the U.S. reactors. We will also say that we are independently verifying the history of these vessels. We will point the reporters on background to an instance in this country several years ago in which there was a flurry of concern about indications from a non-destructive examination of a reactor component, and it later turned out the testing was done incorrectly, hence our interest in how the tests were done in Belgium.

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