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Questions about Talen Energy, PPL, Riverstone Holdings, and Moxie-

Last year when a newspaper article reported that Talen would be taking over the operation of the Susquehanna Nuclear Plant, it was noted that Talen was not yet a company. Either in that article or an additional article, it was also reported that Talen would be in charge in mid-year 2015.

A recent article reported that PPL was going to get out of the power generating business. It said that it was going to spin off their 12 generators, including the nuclear plant to Talen Energy which it was forming with the private equity firm Riverstone Holdings. The 15 electricity-generating sites Riverstone already owns would also join the new firm. Most notably the article closed by stating the Susquehanna site would be the company's only nuclear plant.

My understanding from reading several articles is that PPL was forming (mid-2-14) a new company with the private equity firm Riverstone Holdings. The new entity would include 12 generators from PPL-Talen, 15 generating sites from Riverstone and neither Talen or Riverstone had a nuclear plant, except for the Susquehanna generating site. All this would be accomplished between mid 2014 and mid-2015.

My questions are these: How safe should I feel with a new company, with no experience, operating 27 generating plants, one of which is a nuclear plant near my home?

How can all of this combining of resources with no mention of skill levels in operating a nuclear plant occur in such a short time frame?

How does this new company plan to deal with the spent nuclear rods currently on site and with newly created nuclear waste with no place identified for long term storage?

How can the NRC announce that only people within a 10-mile area of the plant be allowed to speak at this hearing when the NRC advised the Japanese that in a nuclear accident they should be 50 miles away to be safe?

How can anyone replicate the situation that PPL has carried out for the past thirty years – begin and continue to create nuclear power without any idea what they were going to do with the waste?

Why is the NRC planning to have both a third nuclear plant at the Susquehanna location and a MOXIE installation located in close proximity?

Will both the Moxie and the Susquehanna plant be withdrawing water from the Susquehanna River?

If the NRC was being truthful about the 50-mile limit in Japan, does it plan to draw a circle around the Bell-Bend site with a 50-mile radius, so that the public will be advised accordingly?

Is anyone considering what the cumulative emissions from a third nuclear plant and a new gas powered plant will be?

These and many other such questions must be addressed. Who will do that?

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