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Good morning,

Maybe one reason the fleet is not competitive economically is due to their own lack of a sense of urgency, not too many regulations?

Thank you,

Tom Gurdziel



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Maria Korsnick  
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Dear Maria Korsnick,

US NRC Event Number 54341 clearly explains to me one reason why US commercial nuclear power companies cannot compete economically. In short, they have no sense of urgency. It appears that, in their mind, time IS NOT money. (Actually, it is.)

This story starts early on a Saturday morning with the unexpected isolation of some containment systems and the initiation of a couple of safety systems. (A train of the Control Room Emergency Ventilation system was one of them.) Since the plant was operating at 100% power (according to NRC morning reports for that day and a day earlier), you would expect that a full operating crew was present. However, none of them identified a need to make a report on the initiations.

Somebody did eventually make that identification. The time now is almost eight months later. At this point, I would expect that a report would be made as quickly as possible. That was not the case. With the identification having been made on August 23, 2019, it took 8 more days in August, all 30 days in September, and 21 more days in October to make the report.

That is 59 more days. Can anybody afford to pay who knows how many people to mull over this paperwork for 59 days and still be economically competitive?

I sure don't think so.

Sincerely,

Tom Gurdziel