

Tiff, Doug

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To: Richard Barkley
Cc: Mel Gray; Nancy McNamara; Wayne Schmidt; Doug Tiff
Subject: Green Ticket - DRP input and insights into messages/letter format
Attachments: Response to Congressional letter.doc

Rich,

Here is our DRP input/bullets for the CST and its safety implications. We also provided inputs to address the communications pieces. Let me know if further information is needed. The missing hole is License renewal/aging management piece.

Nancy,

Please verify we got our story right on our and Entergy's outreach during the issue.

Brice

Response to Congressional letter

Provide NRC safety perspective:

Leak identified, replaced safely. Leak was not a significant impact on people or the environment.

Leak identified by Entergy during operator rounds which are intended to identify anomalous conditions at the plant.

NRC inspectors observed Entergy personnel activities to identify the leak and replace the piping to provide an independent assessment that Entergy operated the plant safely. Specifically, NRC inspectors ensured Entergy identified the source of the leak, maintained a redundant source of water available, and replaced the pipe within the time frame required by their license.

Inspectors also assessed the safety significance of the leak to people and the environment and determined the tritium release was well below drinking water limits.

Our inspectors will continue to observe and evaluate Entergy's follow-up actions to determine the causes of the pipe leak and identify other locations where such leakage could occur. Our inspectors will also assess Entergy's performance in maintaining this pipe and their performance in identifying the leak. Our reviews and conclusions will be documented in forthcoming public inspection reports.

Describe Entergy and NRC outreach; (verify/get from SLO)

We share your values that public stakeholders must be fully informed. Although the pipe leak condition did not meet regulatory requirements for reporting the issue to the NRC, the NRC inspectors were made aware of the condition and on February 17, our regional staff proactively communicated the issue to federal, state and local stakeholders. We followed up with further communications on February 23 once the pipe was replaced.

We are also aware that that on February 17, Entergy personnel issued a brief statement to key federal, state and local stakeholders describing the pipe leak and their actions to identify and repair the leak. We also are aware that Entergy staff followed up with key stakeholders to provide an opportunity to ask further questions. Additionally, we are aware that Entergy updated stakeholders on February 19 with the current status of their actions to identify and repair the leak.

Address License renewal

***What can we say (ex parte communications?)
Address LR process ("new information") only?***