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Hi Merrilee,

I believe we have three people coming into headquarters on March 8. All US citizens;; Paul Gunter, Beyond Nuclear, Kevin Kamps, Beyond Nuclear and Tim Judson, Nuclear Information and Resource Service. As I have previously requested, Kevin is planning to live stream the proceeding on FaceBook.

The other petitioners plan on being on the telephone bridge line that you have provided.

Additionally, I have received a request from David Lochbaum with the Union of Concerned Scientists who plans to listen in on the proceeding. I am providing him with the contact information.

That tallies up to eleven (11) bridge lines.

Paul Gunter, Beyond Nuclear will present before the PRB on behalf of the petitioners. Erica Gray has requested a few minutes to comment as a petitioner as well. We will likely be under the 1 hour and 15 minutes provided to supplement the petition request.

I am extending invitations to four (4) journalists who have already written news stories on the filing of the 2.206 petition which brings the minimum number of bridge lines requested to 15. They will also receive the bridge line number and pass code that you provided.

Beyond Nuclear is sending out a media advisory today to trade press and to states where media in affected reactor communities might have interest. The media advisory asks those interested to contact the NRC Office of Public Affairs for the bridge line number and pass code.

As you know there has been international interest in this issue. This is why we have requested that NRC provide a live stream webcast as has been a custom in the past. We understand that the agency has decided not to webcast this event.

I am attaching supplemental documentation for review before the PRB.

See you on Wednesday.

Thanks,
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**News story, "Groups calling for shutdown of Beaver Valley nuclear plant,"
Timesonline.com, February 15, 2017**

http://www.timesonline.com/news/energy/group-calling-for-shutdown-of-beaver-valley-nuclear-plant/article_bd1aa262-f3ba-11e6-a0af-27769e73726d.html

From: "O'Shea, Patrick" <PO'Shea@timesonline.com>

Date: March 1, 2017 at 17:16:29 EST

To: Linda Pentz Gunter <linda@beyondnuclear.org>

Subject: Re: Requesting copy of article in which we are quoted

Group calling for shutdown of Beaver Valley nuclear plant

By Jared Stonesifer jstonesifer@timesonline.com

SHIPPINGPORT -- An advocacy group opposed to nuclear energy is calling for the shutdown of the Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station amid fears of potentially defective parts from a French company.

Beyond Nuclear, a suburban Washington, D.C., group "working for a world free from nuclear power and nuclear weapons," has called for the closing after concerns surfaced regarding a French company that supplied parts to 17 domestic nuclear power plants.

The company, called Areva, is under fire for "potentially defective safety-related components and potentially falsified ... documentation" coming from its Le Creusot Forge facility, Beyond Nuclear said in a report.

In the report, Beyond Nuclear said it is "impossible to guarantee the reliability and quality of reactor components if the content of quality control and quality assurance documents cannot be verified and trusted."

Areva is under investigation from France's nuclear watchdog agency called the Autorité de Sûreté Nucléaire, according to the domestic Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The NRC also said it is reviewing a petition submitted by Beyond Nuclear that calls for the shutdown of the affected plants.

FirstEnergy spokeswoman Jennifer Young confirmed Wednesday that Beaver Valley Unit 1 does have parts that were manufactured at the Areva facility in France. Those parts are located in the replacement reactor head and steam generators at Beaver Valley.

In addition, Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman Neil Sheehan confirmed that Unit 2 at Beaver Valley "has components made at the forge, but (FirstEnergy) has decided to delay their installation for at least a few years."

Sheehan said the NRC is investigating the matter but, at the moment, sufficient evidence does not exist to warrant further action.

“Because there are no immediate safety concerns, there is no justification for the NRC to order plants to shut down and inspect components, as some groups have suggested,” Sheehan said. “Should new information raise a specific safety concern, the agency will take appropriate action.”

For FirstEnergy’s part, Young said Beaver Valley Unit 1 has been using parts from the France forge for more than a decade, and the company has not been notified of any potential concerns from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

“We have not been notified that any components at Beaver Valley associated with the Creusot Forge are affected by safety, technical or quality challenges,” Young said. “We will take appropriate actions if they are recommended in the future.”

In addition, Young said the plant’s rigorous and thorough testing and inspection protocols “are designed to identify any material issues well before safety is challenged.”

Sheehan said the NRC is in frequent contact with Areva officials, and the agency is “prepared to take action should ongoing reviews identify any issues warranting immediate attention.

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From: Sheehan, Neil <Neil.Sheehan@nrc.gov>
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Date: Tue, Feb 21, 2017 at 4:45 PM
Subject: RE: Creusot Forge components at Beaver Valley Unit 2?
Mailed-by: nrc.gov

Paul,

I will confer with the staff on these questions and get back to you.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 4:19 PM
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Cc: jstonesifer@timesonline.com
Subject: [External_Sender] Creusot Forge components at Beaver Valley Unit 2?

Hi Neil,

I am following up on a news story that appeared February 15, 2017 in the timesonline.com that regards Beaver Valley nuclear power station and the AREVA Part 21 Notification for at-risk Creusot Forge components in U.S. reactors.

As reported in the news story, according to NRC and FirstEnergy, Beaver Valley Unit 2 has Creusot replacement components for the Reactor Vessel Head and Steam Generators scheduled for installation now delayed pending resolution of technical reviews for carbon macrosegregation defects and a legal proceeding for counterfeit quality control documentation underway in Europe.

I note that neither of AREVA's two replies (Attachments dated December 15, 2016 and February 3, 2017) to the NRC Request for Additional Information appear to be tracking the Beaver Valley 2 at-risk components. The AREVA replies only identify the installed Creusot components for Beaver Valley Unit 1.

AREVA acknowledges January 9, 2017 [Attached] that "*Some of the components referenced in the table [Attachment A to the December 15, 2016 letter] are not yet installed in the plant or are associated with a cancelled project.*"

I am hoping that you can provide clarification to some questions this news story raises.

Are the referenced Creusot components now awaiting installation currently stored onsite at Beaver Valley or in the US?

Or are they still in France---on hold---awaiting delivery to Beaver Valley?

If these components are onsite, given that AREVA's January 9, 2017 letter acknowledges that "*components referenced in the table*" may not yet be installed, is NRC aware of any reason why AREVA has omitted Beaver Valley Unit 2 and the at-risk Creusot components in its required responses to the NRC Request for Additional Information?

Is the NRC treating this as an omission? If not, why not?

Is the NRC aware of additional U.S. units similarly not identified by AREVA in its replies to the NRC Request for Additional Information?

Should we expect an additional AREVA revision to update the February 2017 revision?

Thank you,

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December 30, 2016

FOIA/PA-2017-00208

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Dear Mr. Gunter:

We received your amended and corrected Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on December 28, 2016.

Your request, which seeks access to the following documents and communications for the time frame of May 5, 2016 to date that 1) list and identify the US reactors containing reactor components and parts manufactured at France's Creusot Forge, 2) are either to and/or from the Office of the Commissioners relating to and describing defective and/or potentially defective parts and falsified and/or potentially falsified QA/QC documents from France's Creusot Forge, 3) are either to and from NRC Headquarters relating to and describing defective and/or potentially defective parts and falsified and/or potentially falsified QA/QC documents from France's Creusot Forge, and 4) are either to and from NRC's Regional Offices relating to and describing defective and/or potentially defective parts and falsified and/or potentially falsified QA/QC documents from France's Creusot Forge, has been assigned the following reference number that you should use in any future communications with us about your request: FOIA/PA-2017-00208.

To ensure the most equitable treatment possible of all requesters, the NRC processes requests on a first-in, first-out basis, using a multiple track system based upon the estimated time it will take to process a request. Based on your description of the records you are seeking, we estimate completion of your request will be on or before February 9, 2017. Please note that we are estimating that completion will take more than 20 working days because we expect that we will have to:

- search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of records
- consult with multiple program and/or regional offices within the NRC
- consult with other Federal agencies having equities in the records
- refer records to a licensee, or other business submitter
- undertake a declassification review of classified records; or
- retrieve records from Federal Records Centers or other off-site facilities.

Please know that this date roughly estimates how long it will take us to close requests ahead of yours in the respective track and complete work on your request. The actual date of completion might be before or after this estimate, based on the complexity of all of the requests in the complex track. We will advise you of any change in the estimated time to complete your request. In an effort to process your request promptly, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the volume of potentially responsive records.

For purposes of assessing fees in accordance with our regulations (10 CFR 9.33), we have placed your request in the following category: Non-Exempted. If applicable, you will be charged appropriate fees for: Search and Duplication of Records.

You requested that fees be waived for your request and I have determined that your justification is adequate and fees will be waived for those records which are responsive to your request.

The following person is the Government Information Specialist who has been assigned responsibility for your request: Lezlie Francis at 301-415-5966 or Lezlie.Francis@nrc.gov.

If you have questions on any matters concerning your FOIA request, please feel free to contact the assigned Government Information Specialist or me at (301) 415-7169.

Sincerely,

Nina Argent /s/

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[CORRECTED December 28, 2016]

Chief
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**BEYOND NUCLEAR FOIA REQUEST FOR
NRC DOCUMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING U.S. REACTORS
IMPACTED AND/OR POTENTIALLY IMPACTED BY DEFECTIVE PARTS AND
FALSIFIED QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) AND QUALITY CONTROL (QC)
DOCUMENTATION FROM THE CREUSOT FORGE**

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); 5 U.S.C. 552(b), et seq., Beyond Nuclear hereby requests U.S Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) communications and information for the subject matter described as follows. This request covers but is not limited to all draft and final reports, correspondence, memoranda, notes, records of telephone contacts, electronic communications including fax transmissions and Email, or other written records, whether in paper or computer files, preserved via the use of any medium (e.g., paper documents,

final notes, or word processors or computer discs, diskettes, hard drives, or network systems.) In addition, this request includes studies, analyses, work papers, internal or external communications of any sort, testimony, press releases, reports, diagrams and drawings, memoranda of the like and photographs in print or digital format concerning, recording or in any way related to:

1) For the time frame of May 5, 2016 to date, all NRC documents and communications that list and identify the US reactors containing reactor components and parts manufactured at France's Creusot Forge];

2) For the time frame of May 5, 2016 to date, all documents and communications to and from the Office of the Commissioners relating to and describing defective and/or potentially defective parts and falsified and/or potentially falsified QA/QC documents from France's Creusot Forge;

3) For the time frame of May 5, 2016 to date, all NRC documents and communications to and from NRC Headquarters (including the Offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Reactor Research, and International Affairs) relating to and describing defective and/or potentially defective parts and falsified and/or potentially falsified QA/QC documents from France's Creusot Forge;

4) For the time frame of May 5, 2016 to date, all NRC documents and communications to and from the NRC Offices for Region 1, Region 2, Region 3 and Region 4 relating to and describing defective and/or potentially defective parts and falsified and/or potentially falsified QA/QC documents from France's Creusot Forge.

Pursuant to this request, please provide all documents and communications prepared or utilized by, in the possession of, or routed through the NRC related to items 1- 4.

For any portion of the request that you deem appropriate to deny, Beyond Nuclear requests that you describe the information that is denied, identify the exception to the FOIA on which you rely, and explain how that exception applies to the withheld information.

Pursuant to federal regulations at 10 CFR 9.41, Beyond Nuclear requests that any searching and copying fees incurred as a result of this search be waived, and provides the following information in response to the eight criteria listed in Section 9.41(b):

1) Purpose of request:

The purpose of the request is to gather information on the public health and safety and the continued operation of pressurized water reactors. The requested information is currently not publicly available through the agency's public document room.

2) Extent to which Beyond Nuclear will extract and analyze the substantive content of the records:

Beyond Nuclear has demonstrated the ability to interpret such information and communicate that information in a form comprehensible to the general public. Beyond Nuclear is frequently quoted in the media and has been cited as a reliable source of information in electronic and print media including newspapers such the New York Times and the Washington Post. Beyond Nuclear is recognized and utilized as a reliable source of information in the broadcast media of television, radio and social media.

Beyond Nuclear has a working relationship with nuclear engineers and respected professionals who contribute to the full understanding of the oversight and enforcement of nuclear safety.

3) Nature of the specific activity or research in which the records will be used and Beyond Nuclear qualifications to utilize the information for the intended use in such a way that it will contribute to public understanding:

Beyond Nuclear seeks the requested information solely to contribute to and help shape the public policy debate on the oversight and enforcement of nuclear safety. Beyond Nuclear intends to use the information in order to advance the concerns for public understanding of the oversight and enforcement of nuclear safety.

4) Likely impact on the public understanding of the subject as compared to the level of understanding of the subject prior to disclosure:

The public understanding of the issues regarding the oversight and enforcement of nuclear safety will be enhanced by the contribution of this information.

5) Size and nature of the public to whose understanding a contribution will be made:

Beyond Nuclear has a membership of approximately 14,000 who periodically receive communications from Beyond Nuclear. Beyond Nuclear provides resource material to electronic and print media outlets with very broad outreach to a constituency and the interested public. Additionally, Beyond Nuclear maintains a web site at [www.BeyondNuclear.org] where postings on this issue will be made available.

6) Means of distribution of the requested information:

Beyond Nuclear will use its publications and media contacts in both electronic and print media outlets to provide very broad outreach to the public on this issue. Beyond Nuclear will also share information with other interested parties concerned about the oversight and enforcement of nuclear safety. Additionally, Beyond Nuclear will post information on its web site.

7) Whether free access to information will be provided:

Beyond Nuclear will provide the information without charge to all members of the public. Information from the FOIA requested will be prepared for printed material and electronically posted on the web site for downloading free of charge. Beyond Nuclear will provide a copy of information to all interested public without charge.

8) No commercial interest by Beyond Nuclear or any other party:

Beyond Nuclear has no commercial interest in obtaining the requested information. This information is provided to all public requests without charge. The sole interest of Beyond Nuclear is to promote a policy debate on the oversight and enforcement of nuclear safety.

Sincerely,

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