

TRANSCRIPT: NRC Meeting regarding Augmented Inspection Team initial report on condition of steam generator tube degradation at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) June 18, 2012. San Juan Capistrano, California.

ROCHELLE BECKER: Rochelle Becker, executive director of the Alliance for nuclear Responsibility. I have two questions and I thought I saw Mr. Craver here earlier. Is he here?

TED CRAVER, SCE: Yes I am

BECKER: Hello Mr. Craver. I have a question for you. Could you just stand up because I think the whole audience would like to hear the answer.
(laughter)

My question is: Is there a number, is there an amount of money—we know that there is no amount of safety before you reopen—but is there an amount of money before you reopen? How much money do you expect your ratepayers to pay before this plant re-operates? Is there a break-off point in which Edison decides this is just too much?

CRAVER: At this point all of our focus has been on trying to understand the technical aspects and what exactly is taking place here. What the mechanism of wear is, what the causes of wear are and how we are actually going to address those. As we get through the final evaluation of what the final fixes are, what those will look like, are those the same fixes for the near term as they are for the long term, then I think we'll have a better idea what those costs (coughing) are. But I think it's actually really important for us not to get the financial piece into this at this point, for us to focus primarily on the safety issues and primarily on what we're going to be able to do to fix it.

(FACILITATOR)

BECKER: This is to the NRC. We've just been told you've spent you've spent 1300 man hours or 1500 man hours or whatever for this review. However, you didn't spend this amount of time before you approved it, and the state of California invested in these steam generators. Is the federal government going to help in any way with the ratepayer cost of this or are we supposed to pay for your mistakes as well as Edison's mistakes? Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED NRC: The agency has....you're asking for us....how are we going to handle our regulatory responsibility? We have an obligation to review the safety of these facilities and how they are operated. We will do that as we are mandated to do. When situations arise, that's why we have reactor inspections. And so we address those as they come up. I guess I'm not sure how I would address that much beyond that. Please....

BECKER: You want to try, Elmo?

ELMO COLLINS, NRC: Thanks, thanks Rochelle. It's good to see you here tonight.

BECKER: You too.

ELMO COLLINS: It's been a while. I think we've already indicated we need to go back and look did we follow...did NRC follow our processes which are implementing our regulations and was the right implementation inspection programs that were put in place to look at this very thing. And our accountability I think goes to the oversight committees we answer to in congress ultimately—and we have some representatives here—that hold us to that to make sure that we follow our processes. That's all I can do is follow my processes...from the regional office...and we are doing our best to make that happen, so if we're not we want to be the first to fix it. But ultimately, we're going to take a look at these processes and see if they need to be improved because of what's going on here. This is a very difficult technical issue and I'll be quite honest with you its not been seen before and that doesn't give anyone any comfort, but we need to be smarter up front about these types of changes that do occur...(inaudible).

VIDEO SOURCES:

<http://residentsorganizedforasafeenvironment.wordpress.com/2012/06/25/june-18-nrc-meeting-qa/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4GGTLCekRRQ&feature=plcp>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_ZRf6OuSrE&feature=plcp

MylaReson video