Ft. Calhoun nuclear plant flood and fire

June 8th, 2011

Remember the flooding info and maps I’d posted a couple of days ago, noting that two nuclear plants in Nebraska were in the flood inundation area?

Low-level emergency declared at nuclear power plant

Well, Frieda Berryhill sent this photo of the flooding at the Ft. Calhoun nuclear plant:

Check the video, Omaha Public Power District - OPPD didn’t want the news crew filming the flooding!!! And thankfully, they reported that point:

Flooding nuclear power station property

As if the flooding isn’t enough, they had an electrical fire, and shut down the spent fuel pond pumps to aid in fighting it. There are many articles posted on this, all the IDENTICAL AP article, and not one mention of flooding:

Nuke plant stopped spent fuel pumps to fight fire

Here’s a local paper with some additional details:
Smoke causes scare at nuclear plant

Omaha Public Power District’s release on the flood:

**OPPD Declares Notification of Unusual Event**

*June 6, 2011*

*As mentioned last week, the rising Missouri River waters have reached a level where OPPD is declaring a Notification of Unusual Event (NOUE) at its Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station. According to projections from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the river level at the plant site is expected to reach 1,004 feet above mean sea level later this week, and is expected to remain above that level for more than one month. OPPD notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and emergency management agencies in Nebraska and Iowa of the declaration.*

*A NOUE is the least-serious of four emergency classifications that are standard in the U.S. nuclear industry. Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station will not move out of this emergency classification until it is confident the water will remain below the 1,004-foot level.*

*The Nuclear Regulatory Commission notes that a Notification of Unusual Event indicates events are in process or have occurred which indicate potential impacts to the plant. No release of radioactive material requiring offsite response or monitoring has occurred or is expected.*

*Fort Calhoun was in safe shutdown mode since early April for refueling the plant, and remains in that condition. In addition to the existing flood-protection at the plant, OPPD employees and contractors have built earth berms and sandbagged around the switchyards and additional buildings on site. They also are filling water-filled berms around the plant and other major buildings on site, have staged additional diesel fuel inside the Protected Area and are building additional overhead power lines to provide another option for power for the plant’s administration building, Training Center and one of its warehouses.*

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**5 Responses to “Ft. Calhoun nuclear plant flood and fire”**

1. *Spot Says:*
   *June 8th, 2011 at 12:42 pm*
   
   It’s a really good thing that the Mississippi never floods.

2. *Richard Bennett Says:*
   *June 14th, 2011 at 8:23 am*
   
   Are there any threatened dams for flood control up river from Fort Calhoun?
   
   rb
3. Richard Bennett Says:  
June 14th, 2011 at 3:01 pm

further to June 6/2011 post…An event ALERT posted re:Ft. Calhoun…

A non-syntactical verbal analysis.

The FAULT: system-wide, the most prevalent common design weakness - electricity fire - interruption of electricity to cooling - overheat fuel rods - meltdown - hydrogen gas release - temperature goes critical for hydrogen explosion.

THE FAULT IN CONTEXT OF THE LANDSCAPE:

FLOOD FORECAST FOR Upper Mississippi River - duration - several months - dam/s and levees break - flood - fire - loss of coolant capacity - overheat fuel rods - meltdown - river remains in flood - radioactive water and radioactive debris escapes site returning to the river from flooded reactor and storage pool and exposed reactor vessel and basements. Reactors are invariably located adjacent large bodies of water. Strategically, a negotiation could be considered between ‘the authority’ and ‘the people’ that posits the likelihood of unimaginably social unrest provoked by the non-reversible, non-manageable effects of such widespread contamination.

—–how does one prepare to be overwhelmed ?—rb

4. Dead End for Nuclear Power? – EON Update 6-13-11 | eon3EMFblog.net Says:  
June 14th, 2011 at 4:01 pm

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5. Richard Bennett Says:  
June 14th, 2011 at 4:26 pm

Let’s organize a poll thru the INTERNET to REPEAL the PRICE-ANDERSON Act that guarantees the fed’s to cover ALL LIABILITIES FROM THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER. rb

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