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Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397,
LICENSE NO. NPF-21; 60-DAY FOLLOW-UP REPORT
REGARDING EVENT NOTIFICATION 40933**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Transmitted herewith is the 60-day follow-up report for the subject event notification. The subject of this report meets the criteria of 10 CFR § 73, Appendix G, paragraph(l)(d).

Should you have any questions or desire additional information regarding this matter, please call Mr. JR Fisher at (509) 377-8599.

Respectfully,



DW Coleman
Manager, Regulatory Programs
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Attachment: 60-day Follow-up Report

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1. FACILITY NAME Columbia Generating Station					2. DOCKET NUMBER 05000397				3. PAGE 1 OF 4					
4. TITLE Detection of Contraband at Protected Area Access Control Checkpoint														
5. EVENT DATE			6. LER NUMBER			7. REPORT DATE			8. OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED					
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9. OPERATING MODE 4			11. THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR§: (Check all that apply)											
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12. LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER														
FACILITY NAME James R. Fisher								TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code) 509 377-8599						
13. COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT														
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14. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED					15. EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE		MONTH	DAY	YEAR					
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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines)														
<p>At 0549 on August 9, 2004, with Columbia Generating Station (Columbia) in mode 4, Energy Northwest security X-ray machine operators detected a loaded handgun in the backpack of an Energy Northwest employee at Columbia's Protected Area (PA) access control point (ref: Event Report 40933). Security personnel immediately controlled the handgun and the individual was segregated and searched. The individual's access to the PA was suspended and he left the owner controlled area following a fitness for duty test. Local law enforcement (Benton County Sheriff) responded and took possession of the firearm. This event meets the criteria specified in 10 CFR § 73, Appendix G, paragraph I(d), as this was an attempted introduction of contraband into Columbia's PA. This report is made pursuant to the requirement of 10 CFR § 73 Appendix G(I) for a 60-day follow-up written report.</p>														

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17. NARRATIVE (If more space is required, use additional copies of NRC Form 366A)

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

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Regulatory Guide 5.62, revision 1, section 3.2, instructs licensees to use NRC Form 366 when submitting these reports and describes the report content that is sufficient for NRC analysis and evaluation. Because this event does not involve a security system failure or a threat related incident, only items 1 through 14 in section 3.2 of the Regulatory Guide are germane to this issue and are addressed below:

Date and Time of Event

August 9, 2004 at 0549 PDT.

Location of Actual or Threatened Event

The event occurred in the search area of Columbia's Protected Area (PA) access control checkpoint.

Plant Operating Phase

At the time of this event, Columbia was in mode 4.

Safety Systems Threatened, directly or indirectly

Because the event did not result in an actual introduction of contraband into the protected area, no safety systems were threatened.

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Type of Security Force onsite

Energy Northwest maintains a proprietary security force.

Number and type of personnel involved

Three Energy Northwest Nuclear Security Officers (NSOs) were involved. One NSO with the handgun in his backpack and two on-duty NSOs performing searches with the X-ray machine.

Method of discovery of incident

The contraband was detected as the NSO's backpack was processed through the X-ray machine in the protected area access control point.

Procedural errors involved

Although this action was a violation of an Energy Northwest policy, there were no procedural errors involved.

Immediate actions taken in response to event

Upon discovery of the contraband, security officers took control of the handgun while the employee was segregated and searched. A local law enforcement official was summoned to the scene and took possession of the firearm. The individual's access to the PA was suspended and he left the owner controlled area after a determination of fitness for duty was made.

Corrective actions taken or planned

The NSO with the handgun in his backpack received disciplinary action and security department personnel were briefed on the event. The NSO's unescorted access to the PA was reinstated following satisfactory completion of fitness for duty testing and psychological evaluation.

Local, State, or Federal law enforcement agencies contacted

The local law enforcement agency (Benton County Sheriff) was contacted and took possession of the firearm.

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Description of media interest and press release

A press release was not issued regarding this event and there has been no media interest.

Indication of previous similar events

A previous similar event was reported in LER 2004-003 on August 12, 2004.

Knowledgeable contact

For questions or additional information the point of contact is Resource Protection Lieutenant Jim Fisher in the Columbia Resource Protection department, who may be reached by telephone at 509-377-8599.