

Allegation No.: RI-2002-A-0097
Site/Facility: Salem / Hope Creek
ARB Date: 8/8/2002

Branch Chief (AOC): Meyer
Acknowledged: Anonymous
Confidentiality Granted: N/A

Issue discussed: Organizational changes have applied a production over quality approach to the procurement function (Procurement Assessment Dept.), making employees hesitant to raise safety concerns. Issues raised to Human Resources and Employee Concerns have not been taken seriously.

Alleger contacted prior to referral to licensee (if applicable)? N/A

ALLEGATION REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS

Attendees: Chair - Clifford Branch Chief (AOC) - Meyer SAC - Vito
OI Rep. - Monroe RI Counsel - _____ Others - Crlenjak, JWhite

DISPOSITION ACTIONS: (List actions for processing and closure. Note responsible person(s), form of action closure document(s), and estimated completion dates.)

- 1) Refer this concern to PSEG for their review and response. DRP (with DRS assistance) to review licensee's response for indications of any possible chilling effect or lack of adequate independence of the QA function in procurement.

Responsible Person: Meyer/Barkley
Closure Documentation: _____

ECD: 8/30/2002
Completed: _____

- 2) Review licensee response - DRS to assist

Responsible Person: Meyer/Barkley
Closure Documentation: _____

ECD: 10/16/2002
Completed: _____

- 3) Repanel if indications of chilling effect or lack of adequate independence of the QA function in procurement - if no close allegation file.

Responsible Person: SAC
Closure Documentation: _____

ECD: 10/16/2002
Completed: _____

- 4) Closeout memo - DRP to provide Enclosure 1 to closeout memo.

Responsible Person: Barkley
Closure Documentation: _____

ECD: 10/31/2002
Completed: _____

SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE ASSESSMENT: The risk significance of this allegation is considered low given the absence of specific examples where the alleged production pressure has resulted in the release and use of inadequate/unqualified safety-related parts.

PRIORITY OF OI INVESTIGATION: N/A

If potential discrimination or wrongdoing and OI is not opening a case, provide rationale here (e.g., no prima facie, lack of specific indication of wrongdoing):

ARB MINUTES ARE REVIEWED AND APPROVED AT THE ARB

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Rationale used to defer OI discrimination case (DOL case in progress):

ENFORCEMENT STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS CONSIDERATION (only applies to wrongdoing matters (including discrimination issues) that are under investigation by OI, DOL, or DOJ):

What is the potential violation and regulatory requirement?

When did the potential violation occur?

Once date of potential violation is established, SAC will assign AMS action to have another ARB at four (4) years from that date, to discuss enforcement statute of limitations issues.

NOTES: _____

Distribution: Panel Attendees, Regional Counsel, OI, Responsible Individuals (original to SAC)