

Allegation No.: RI-2002-A-0138
Site/Facility: Hope Creek
ARB Date: 11/12/03

Branch Chief (AOC): Meyer
Acknowledged: No
Confidentiality Granted: No

Issue discussed:-- An allegor raised a number of issues related to nuclear equipment operator (NEO) performance at Hope Creek. Technical issues raised by the allegation included inappropriate conduct during non-licensed operator exams, inappropriate completion of on-the-job tasks and evaluations, tagout problems, an inaccurate report for the cause of a mechanical vacuum pump trip, questionable practices when recording EDG surveillance readings, procedural compliance issues when adding hydrogen to the main generator, lax practices when addressing low pump oil levels, and a number of cultural issues.

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

ALLEGATION REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS

Attendees: Chair - Crlenjak Branch Chief (AOC) - Barber (Act) SAC - Vito, Harrison
OI Rep. - Anderson RI Counsel - Farrar Others - Lew, Caron, Perry

DISPOSITION ACTIONS:

1. Review all issues and consider whether there are wrongdoing elements. Refer any technical issues that do not warrant a wrongdoing investigation to the licensee. DRP to provide words for Enclosure 1 to referral letter.

Responsible Person: Meyer
Closure Documentation: _____

ECD: 11/13/03
Completed: _____

2. Investigate wrongdoing issues (alleged cheating and document falsification)(1-2003-020).

Responsible Person: OI
Closure Documentation: _____

ECD: TBD
Completed: _____

3. Review licensee response to technical issues.

Responsible Person: Meyer
Closure Documentation: _____

ECD: 12/26/03
Completed: _____

SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE ASSESSMENT: The risk significance of this concern could be moderate to high because of examination conduct issues appear to be pervasive

PRIORITY OF OI INVESTIGATION: Normal

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):

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

ARB MINUTES ARE REVIEWED AND APPROVED AT THE ARB

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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? _____

(Assign action to determine date, if unknown)

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: (Include other pertinent comments. Also include considerations related to licensee referral, if appropriate. Identify any potential generic issues) _____

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