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Allegation No.: RI-2003-A-0138
Site/Facility: Hope Creek
ARB Date: 10/30/03

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.

Allegor contacted prior to referral to licensee (if applicable)? Yes

ALLEGATION REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS

Attendees: Chair - Holian Branch Chief (AOC) - Barber (Act) SAC - Vito
OI Rep. - Teator RI Counsel - Farrar Others - Lanning

DISPOSITION ACTIONS:

1. Acknowledgment letter

Responsible Person: SAC/AC
Closure Documentation: _____

ECD: 11/21/03
Completed: _____

2. Review all issues to determine which may involve potential wrongdoing and which may be referred to the licensee. Review will also determine whether any additional issues should be added to the allegation based on interview with the allegor on 10/29/2003.

Responsible Person: Meyer/OI/Conte
Closure Documentation: _____

ECD: 11/12/03
Completed: _____

3. Review hydrogen and nitrogen valve lineups and obtain a copy of the union by-laws.

Responsible Person: Meyer
Closure Documentation: _____

ECD: 11/12/03
Completed: _____

4. Repanel

Responsible Person: SAC
Closure Documentation: _____

ECD: 11/12/2003
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:

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) _____

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