

ALLEGATION DISPOSITION RECORD

Rev. 6/6/97

Allegation No.: RI-98-A-0051

Branch Chief (AOC): Linville

Site: Salem/ Hope Creek

Acknowledged: No

Panel Date: 3/11/98

Confidentiality Granted: No

Issue discussed (original allegation): Alleger stated that her husband is a Maintenance Engineer who is exhausted from overwork (works 80-90 hrs./week) supporting efforts to fulfill a commitment the licensee made to the NRC to provide 24hr. site coverage.

Note: Alleger stated her husband was not constantly overseeing maintenance activities, but was there to be "on call" for any needed maintenance engineering expertise.
(Allegation meets criteria for being referred to licensee for investigation - see next pg.)

Alleger contacted prior to referral to licensee (if applicable)? No

ALLEGATION PANEL DECISIONS (Previous Allegation Panels on issue: No)

Attendees: Chair - Crlenjak Branch Chief(AOC) - Linville SAC - Vito/Modes
OI Rep. - Letts RI Counsel - _____ Others - Nicholson, James, Harrison

DISPOSITION ACTIONS: (State actions required for closure (including special concurrences), responsible person, ECD and expected closure documentation) NOTE: If filling out electronically, use a larger, bold font to aid individuals in reading this material.

1) Referral letter to licensee

Responsible Person: L.Harrison
Closure Documentation: _____

ECD: 3/13/98
Completed: _____

2) DRP review of licensee response, inspect or close, as appropriate

Responsible Person: L.Harrison
Closure Documentation: _____

ECD: 4/24/98
Completed: _____

3) Closeout Memo to File

Responsible Person: L.Harrison
Closure Documentation: _____

ECD: 5/15/98
Completed: _____

Safety Significance Assessment: Potential for mistake to be made in oversight of maintenance activity on safety-related equipment.

Priority of OI Investigation _____

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NOTES: (Include rationale for any referral to licensee, and identify any potentially generic allegations)

Allegation does not provide good detail for NRC follow-up (do not know what commitment is being fulfilled by this 24hr. coverage)

Issue not to be referred to licensee

A. Region 1 should refer as many allegations as possible to the licensee for action and response unless any of the following factors apply:

- Information cannot be released in sufficient detail to the licensee without compromising the identity of the alleged or confidential source (unless the alleged has no objection to his or her name being released).
- The licensee could compromise an investigation or inspection because of knowledge gained from the referral.
- The allegation is made against the licensee's management or those parties who would normally receive and address the allegation.
- The basis of the allegation is information received from a Federal agency that does not approve of the information being released in a referral.

Even if the above conditions exist, Region 1 shall refer the substance of the allegation to the licensee regardless of any factor if the allegation raises an overriding safety issue, using the guidance in Management Directive 8.8.

Factors to Consider Prior to Referral to a Licensee

In determining whether to refer eligible allegations to a licensee, The Region 1 Allegation Panel shall consider the following:

- Could the release of information bring harm to the alleged or confidential source?
- Has the alleged or confidential source voiced objections to the release of the allegation to the licensee?
- What is the licensee's history of allegations against it and past record in dealing with allegations, including the likelihood that the licensee will effectively investigate, document, and resolve the allegation?
- Has the alleged or confidential source already taken this concern to the licensee with unsatisfactory results? If the answer is "yes," the concern is within NRC's jurisdiction, and the alleged objects to the referral, the concerns should normally not be referred to the licensee.
- Are resources to investigate available within the region?

Prior to referring an allegation to a licensee, all reasonable efforts should be made to inform alleged or confidential sources of the planned referral. This notification may be given orally and subsequently documented in an acknowledgment letter. If the alleged or confidential source objects to the referral, or does not respond within 30 calendar days, and the NRC has considered the factors described above, a referral can be made despite the alleged's or confidential source's objection or lack of response. In all such cases, an attempt will be made to contact the alleged by phone just prior to making the referral.

Also, referrals are not to be made if it could compromise the identity of the alleged, or if it could compromise an inspection or investigation. Note: Document the basis for referring allegations to a licensee in those cases where the criteria listed above indicate that it is questionable whether a referral is appropriate.

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