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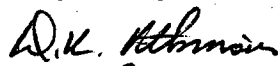
Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397, 60-DAY  
FOLLOW-UP REPORT REGARDING EVENT NOTIFICATION 42060**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Transmitted herewith is the 60-day follow-up report for the subject event notification pursuant to 10 CFR § 73.71(a)(4).

There are no commitments being made to the NRC by this letter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. GV Cullen at (509) 377-6105.

Respectfully,

  
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Enclosure: 60-Day Follow-up Report 2005-006-00

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**LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)**

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**4. TITLE**  
Detection of Contraband at Protected Area Access Control Checkpoint

5. EVENT DATE			6. LER NUMBER			7. REPORT DATE			8. OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED	
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	YEAR	SEQUENTIAL NUMBER	REV NO.	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	FACILITY NAME	DOCKET NUMBER
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<b>9. OPERATING MODE</b>  1	<b>11. THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR§: (Check all that apply)</b>			
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<b>10. POWER LEVEL</b>  100 %				

**12. LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER**

<b>NAME</b> Mr. Jim Fisher, Security Captain	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)</b> 509-377-8599
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**13. COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT**

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANU-FACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANU-FACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX

**14. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED**

<input type="checkbox"/> YES (If yes, complete 15. EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<b>15. EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE</b>	MONTH	DAY	YEAR

**ABSTRACT** (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines)

At approximately 1205 on October 18, 2005, with Columbia Generating Station (Columbia) in mode 1, an Energy Northwest nuclear security officer who was operating an x-ray machine detected an unloaded handgun and 20 rounds of ammunition in the backpack of an Energy Northwest employee at Columbia's Protected Area (PA) access control point (ref: Event Notification #42060). In response to this event, the handgun was immediately controlled and the individual's unescorted access to the PA was suspended. Following fitness for duty testing, the individual left the owner controlled area. Local law enforcement (Benton County Sheriff's Deputy) responded to the event. 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 § 73.71(a)(4) for a 60-day follow-up written report.

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

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Regulatory Guide 5.62, revision 1, (November 1987) 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**

October 18, 2005 at 1205 PDT.

**Location of Actual or Threatened Event**

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

**Plant Operating Phase**

At the time of this event, Columbia was in mode 1 operating at full power.

**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.

**Type of Security Force onsite**

Energy Northwest maintains a proprietary security force.

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**Number and type of personnel involved**

Three Energy Northwest Nuclear Security Officers (NSOs) were involved. One NSO with the handgun and ammunition and two on-duty NSOs performing searches.

**Method of discovery of incident**

The contraband was detected as the NSOs backpack was processed through the x-ray machine in the protected area access control point during the routine inspection process.

**Procedural errors involved**

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, on-duty NSOs immediately took control of the handgun and ammunition while the employee was segregated and searched. A local law enforcement official (Benton County Sheriff's Deputy) was summoned to the scene. The individual's unescorted access to the PA was inactivated. Following fitness for duty testing, the individual left the owner controlled area. The handgun and ammunition was returned to the individual after the individual exited the owner controlled area.

**Corrective actions taken or planned**

The employee received disciplinary action and security department personnel were briefed on the event. The individual's unescorted access to the PA has been reactivated subsequent to fitness for duty testing.

**Local, State, or Federal law enforcement agencies contacted**

The local law enforcement agency (Benton County Sheriff) was contacted and responded to the event as this was a violation of Benton County Ordinance #225 that prohibits unauthorized weapons in Columbia's exclusion area. The Sheriff's Deputy authorized Energy Northwest security to maintain custody of the firearm.

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**Description of media interest and press release**

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

**Indication of previous similar events**

Two previous similar events were reported in 60-day follow-up report 2004-003 on June 18, 2004 and 60-day follow-up report 2004-007 on August 9, 2004.

**Knowledgeable contact**

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