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March 27, 1993

Mr. Marvin Mendonca
OWFN 11-B-20
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Mendonca:

I would like to bring you up to date on the operational status of the ISU-AGN 201 Reactor facility since I last communicated with you on March 6, 1993.

Mr. Dave Clovis, a senior reactor license holder, has been appointed and has assumed duties as acting Reactor Supervisor as of March 7, 1993. A permanent Reactor Supervisor will be appointed by the fall '93.

Mr. Clovis was interviewed subsequently, by Mr. Blaine Murray for Region IV when he visited our facility on March 10th and 11th. He seemed satisfied with the qualifications and maturity of Mr. Clovis. Mr. Clovis has been carrying out his duties responsibly.

During his exit interviews with our President Bowen, Mr. Murray expressed that he was satisfied with the way the situation was handled during the period March 1 to March 7. I am enclosing a copy of the Press release pertinent to this event.

As advised I have taken a more diligent interest as Reactor Administrator in overseeing the activities associated with our facility. I am happy to inform you that all is well and no problems exist.

On March 12, '93 the Reactor Safety Committee met to consider the fitness for duty of Dr. Albert E. Wilson. Based on the recommendations of his peers and the experience of the committee members have had with Dr. Wilson (ranging from over twenty five years to a year and a half) they found him fit for duty and recommended me to reinstate his status and authorize him to operate the reactor. As reported earlier, Dr. Crawford is no longer authorized to operate our reactor. He has not requested for reconsideration.

The locks on the reactor room (# 20) and the subcritical facility room (# 23) have been restored to the previous station, however, with an entirely new set of keys. There are four sets of the new keys and they have been issued to the Reactor Administrator (myself), Reactor Supervisor (Mr. Clovis), Dr. Wilson and Mr. Cunningham, Senior licensees both of whom have the need to use the facilities.

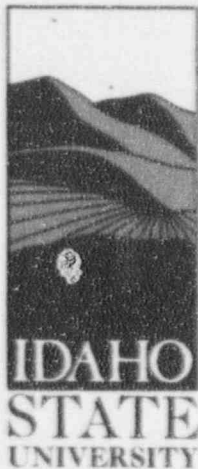


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The isotopes lab (# 21), which was also off limits temporarily during March 2 thru March 9, has been restored to its previous status.

In the meanwhile, I have requested Dr. W Vernetson and Dr. B. Dodds, from TRTR community to conduct an independent audit of our facility. They are scheduled to be on campus on April 6th and 7th '93. I will be happy to send a copy of their findings, if you so desire.

I am sorry for my tardiness in getting back to you, I was trying to catch up with the rest of my work.

Sincerely yours,

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and Dean, College of
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OBJECTIVE To obtain a position as a nuclear or fluid mechanics engineer at a nuclear power or research facility.

EDUCATION Academic
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY, Pocatello, ID.
B.S. in Engineering expected May 1993. GPA 3.70
(Nuclear engineering and Thermal/Fluids sequences)

UNITED STATES NAVAL NUCLEAR POWER SCHOOL, Orlando, Fl.
Graduated June 1984.

EXPERIENCE Positions Held
Apr92-Pres. Idaho State University, Position: Senior Reactor Engineer. Responsible for reactor operator requalification program, reactor maintenance and surveillance, and NRC regulatory compliance.

May91-Apr92 EG&G of Idaho Inc., Idaho Falls, Idaho. Position: Operations Technician for the Motor Operated Valve Load Simulator project.

Nov92-Pres. Licensed Senior Reactor Operator for the Idaho State University AGN-201 Nuclear Reactor Facility. Operator Docket #55-40599, Senior Operator License #70066.

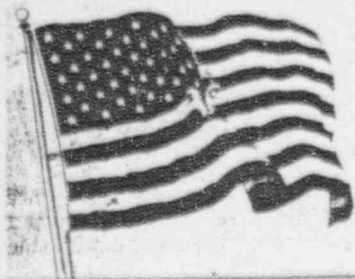
Mar89-Pres. U.S. Naval Reserves, Naval Reserve Facility, Pocatello, Id. NR AS-32 USS HOLLAND
Position: Assistant Training Department Coordinator

Jan82-Jan89 U.S. Navy, Served on board the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT CVN-71. Positions: Propulsion Plant Watch Supervisor for an A4W/A1G Nuclear Power Plant and Leading Petty Officer of Reactor Electrical Division.

ACTIVITIES Awards
-Institute of Nuclear Power Operations Scholarship 1991/1992 and 1992/1993
-Charles M. Rice Scholarship 1991
-Freshman Achievement Scholarship 1990
-Idaho Power Scholarship 1990

Organizations
-Student member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers(1990-1993) at ISU.
-Student member of the American Nuclear Society (1991-1993) at ISU.

REFERENCES Available at: Idaho State University
Career Planning and Placement Service
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NRC praises ISU's handling of nuclear reactor brouhaha

By Peter Kelley
Of The Journal

The response of the Idaho State University Reactor Safety Committee to a recent dispute between two reactor technicians has received high marks from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Blaine Murray, chief of the facilities inspection program for Region IV of the NRC, toured the reactor Thursday and interviewed members of the reactor safety committee, the new reactor supervisor and ISU President Richard Bowen.

Tempers flared last week between reactor supervisor Dr. Kevan Crawford and former chief Dr. Albert Wilson. As a result, Crawford rekeyed locks around the reactor, preventing Wilson and others from entering. The committee and Dr. Hary Charyulu, in response, barred both scientists from the reactor until the problem was resolved.

Crawford complained that such an act was illegal and a violation of the NRC chain of command, but NRC officials later disagreed.

"I thought their response was prompt and aggressive," Murray said today of the committee. "They didn't let things sit and brew ... I had no problems with what their actions were."

Murray said the NRC is not in the business of overseeing the day-to-day operation of reactors, or of assisting in personnel decisions.

Still, since Crawford resigned as reactor supervisor and was replaced by technician Dave Clovis as acting supervisor, the NRC needed to make certain Clovis met the job criteria.

He said he interviewed Clovis and was satisfied he was sufficiently experienced for the job. The NRC has asked that Charyulu increase his day-to-day oversight of the reactor, however, because Clovis is still technically an ISU student.

"It's extra work for me, but it's part of my job," Charyulu said. Of the new acting reactor chief, he added, "I have a lot of confidence in Clovis. He has rigorous Navy experience and in the last week he's matured about a year's worth."

Charyulu said Murray "went through the chronological event history as to what happened" last week and also reviewed the technical specifications for the reactor.

Murray did not interview Crawford or Wilson.

Bowen said Murray "conveyed total satisfaction" in how the committee handled the dispute.

The ISU reactor is scheduled for a full NRC inspection this fall. Murray and Charyulu both said the agency prefers such inspections to be on a short-notice basis.

"I have a date in my mind (for the inspection), but I don't want to tell them," Murray said. "We'll be back there fairly soon — before next fall."