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PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
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Response to Allegation RIII-91-A-0057

On July 17, 1991 our Fitness for Duty Coordinator received a telephone call from Gary Pirtle, Region III, regarding this allegation. This was followed up by a written request on July 25, 1991 from Charles E Norelius, Region III to L R Eliason, NSP. The allegation suggested that three individuals who had been granted unescorted access to Prairie Island had known drinking and/or drug dependency problems. We have investigated the allegation and concluded that no safety-related concern exists and no violations to our Fitness for Duty program have occurred.

Upon receiving an allegation concerning worker fitness for duty, procedures require the determination of the credibility of the information. The allegation contained no information regarding:

- 1) direct observation of specific incidents of use of illegal drugs or abuse of alcohol, and
- 2) dates, places or times of use of illegal drugs or alcohol.

The individuals were identified by last name only (hereafter referred to as workers (a), (b) and (c) in the same order referred to in the attachment to the written allegation). From the information provided, we determined through security data files the full names and positions of the individuals identified in the allegation.

Unescorted access for worker (a) was denied on September 30, 1988, for failure to comply with Fitness for Duty requirements to complete a chemical dependency program. Worker (a) will not be granted unescorted access in the future.

Workers (b) and (c) currently have nuclear plant unescorted access.

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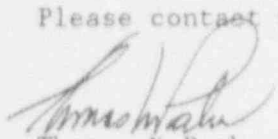
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Due to the lack of accuracy and detail in the information provided, the credibility of the information was considered low; but to further assess the credibility of the information, management and supervision of workers (b) and (c) were interviewed regarding the workers' job performance and behavior as related to Fitness for Duty. Additionally, public records regarding driving and criminal arrest records were reviewed. Finally, Chemical Dependency Counselors from NSP's Social Resource Center assessed workers (b) and (c) to determine if any chemical dependency issues existed.

Management interviews, a review of public records, and the Social Resource Center assessments produced no derogatory information. Workers (b) and (c) were randomly drug and alcohol tested in 1990 with negative results.

NSP management has concluded that there is no need for additional assessment or for-cause testing regarding these workers.

Please contact us if you have any questions.



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