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Task: Allegation A-186(a)

Reference Number: 4-84-A-06/81d

Characterization: It is alleged that Ebasco quality assurance (QA) surveillance did not monitor contractor work activity, e.g., documentation.

Assessment of Allegation: The implied significance is that without adequate QA surveillances, Ebasco and LP&L could not assure that the contractor's QA programs were being properly implemented. Therefore, the quality of the installation and inspection programs could be questionable.

The NRC staff reviewed 462 surveillance reports covering a 5-year period of construction activity. The reports were reviewed for type of inspection performed, type of documents reviewed, validity of corrective action, and follow-up and response time for corrective action. The staff reviewed trend analysis reports to determine transmittal of surveillance report information, corrective action response, and closure. QA surveillance personnel qualifications were also reviewed.

The NRC staff found that corrective action was not always timely but was followed up, and that reports were closed out in all cases reviewed. In some cases, corrective action was not accepted by Ebasco QA, and surveillance reports were returned to the contractor for satisfactory resolution. Surveillance reports indicated that all contractors were monitored at various times during their work and documentation activities. The NRC staff determined that Ebasco personnel performing the surveillance activities were certified and qualified to perform their surveillance duties.

Based upon its review, the NRC staff concluded that the Ebasco surveillance program meets the intent of the Ebasco Quality Assurance program. Therefore, this allegation has neither safety significance nor generic implications.

[Potential Violations: None.]

Actions Required: None.

References

1. Ebasco Procedure, QAI No. 7, dated June 30, 1978, Quality Assurance Instruction for Surveillance and Corrective Action.
2. Ebasco Procedure, QAI No. 15, dated May 16, 1983, Quality Surveillance of Site Contractors.

3. Ebasco Procedure, QAI No. 16, dated February 24, 1984, Qualification of Quality Assurance Surveillance Personnel.
4. Ebasco Procedure, QAI No. 29, dated January 17, 1984, Review and Recurrence Control of Adverse Trends Reported by the Ebasco Trend Analysis.

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