

MEMORANDUM FOR:	File	March 28, 1994
FROM:	WLFisher	
SUBJECT:	Fort St. Vrain Report of Falsified Survey Records	

At about 3:30 p.m. on March 25, 1994, Bob Kirspel and I took a telephone call from the following Public Service Company of Colorado (PSC) and contractor personnel:

Mike Holmes (PSC)
 Don Warembourg (PSC)
 Ted Borst (PSC)
 C Calton (Westinghouse)
 E. Parsons (SEG)
 W Hug (MK Ferguson)
 M Fisher
 S Chesnutt

The purpose of the telephone call, according to Mr. Warembourg, the principal spokesman, was to notify Region IV that certain radiation survey records at Fort St. Vrain (FSV) apparently had been falsified by certain Scientific Ecology Group (SEG) employees, as described below.

1. An independent, 3rd party investigation is being conducted for PSC. (The scope of this ongoing investigation was not described.)
2. Separately from the above investigation being conducted for PSC, SEG hired 2 independent investigators to review records management systems at FSV. That investigation found discrepancies in:
 - o radiation surveys concerning releases of material from the site in late 1992 and
 - o radiation surveys concerning Radiation Work Permits (RWPs) in early 1993.
3. PSC believes that, during both periods, radiation surveys were performed appropriately but survey records were not maintained.
 - o Regarding the 1992 release surveys, PSC has concluded that:
 - o procedures had not been followed and
 - o records were falsified.
 - o Regarding the 1993 RWP surveys, PSC has concluded that:
 - o there had been a failure to follow established procedures and
 - o there had been apparent falsification of records with intent to deceive.
4. Regarding safety significance, PSC believes that:

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- o necessary surveys had been conducted and
 - o there had been no overexposures or personal intakes of radioactive material.
5. Corrective actions:
- o Westinghouse temporarily suspended work in controlled areas last night (March 24).
 - o Pending PSC providing (to Westinghouse) appropriate criteria, there will be no release of material from radiologically controlled areas (RCAs).
 - o Training of affected personnel will start Monday, March 28.
 - o SEG is expanding its review into other areas.
 - o Certain personnel will be placed on administrative leave because of their involvement in this matter.
 - o PSC is issuing a stop work order (to stop all work inside RCAs) effective Monday, March 28.
 - o PSC has asked Westinghouse for an overall records review "to clean up the whole records system."
 - o Finally, PSC is asking SEG why PSC should have confidence in SEG management onsite.
6. PSC expects to learn results from its 3rd party investigation (see #1.) in 2 or 3 weeks.
7. PSC is uncertain whether to issue a press release. (Later, PSC told Joe Gilliland that they would issue a press release o/a March 28.)
8. The matter started to come to light in early March 1994, but PSC did not learn of the falsification until the week of March 21.
9. The SEG investigation had identified 3 "primary players" in the falsification of survey records.
10. PSC does not yet know how many shipments during the September-December 1992 period were affected by the falsification. The SEG investigation so far has reviewed 15 release records. Survey and record requirements during this period were specified by the "old" PSC decommissioning plan run by SEG.
11. PSC believes that possibly all RWPs in 1993 (approximately 100) were affected by the falsification. Records related to only 1 RWP have been reviewed so far. Survey and record requirements during 1993 were specified by the new decommissioning plan.

12. The Westinghouse representative asked whether a Part 21 report might be appropriate. I said I did not know, but that if so we would accept this telephone report as the initial notification required by part 21.

ALLEGATION ASSIGNMENT FORM

Allegation Number: RIV-94-A-0026

Licensee/Facility or Location: FORT ST. VRAIN

Discussed at ARP meeting on: 3/29/94

Assigned to: DRP, DRS, DRSS, SAC Branch: _____

OI involvement? yes OI tracking number: _____

ARP instructions/guidance: Alleged Fabrication of Radiation
Survey Records. OI will conduct preliminary investigation
of licensee & its investigation.

ARP Chairman _____ Date: _____

Allegation Resolution Plan (return to the SAC within 10 days of ARP meeting):

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

cc: Allegation File, ARP Meeting File, OI

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