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Task: Allegations A-53 and A-93

Reference No.: 4-83-A-88

Characterization: It is alleged that identifying and clearing problems was difficult due to an "almost non-existent" program, and the Document Reviewers had no way of reporting problems.

Assessment of Allegation: The implied significance of this allegation is that nonconforming items may not have been identified or corrected.

The NRC staff reviewed the EBASCO and sub-contractor's procedures for nonconformance identification and found that an adequate system did exist. The allegation, however, alludes to the existence of a system "road block" that prevented the processing of nonconformances and discrepancies. The NRC staff did find evidence of NCRs that were "Voided" or "Could Not Be Located." (See Allegations A-18 and A-164 for required action.) A total of 33 NCRs were voided, and 12 could not be located in the EBASCO card index. Ten other NCRs listed on the card index could not be located in the EBASCO QA Vault. One NCR in the QA vault was not on the card index. The ten "voided" and "missing" NCRs are the only evidence of problems with NCR processing that the NRC staff detected during this review. The basis for these allegations may have existed at the time the allegation was made, but the staff could find no evidence that the problem existed at the time of this NRC review.

This allegation has neither safety significance nor generic implications.

Potential Violations: See Allegations A-18 and A-164.

Actions Required: See Allegations A-18 and A-164.

References:

1. EBASCO Procedure N-3, Reporting a Defect/Noncompliance to the NRC.
2. Administrative Site Procedure III-7. Procedure for Corrective Action.
3. Mercury procedure for Handling of Nonconformance and Corrective Action.
4. Tompkins-Beckwith Procedure 12, Nonconformance and Discrepancies.
5. QAI-9, Quality Assurance Engineering Instruction 9.

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