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Task: Allegations A-57 and A-314

Reference Nos.: 4-83-A-88/9 and 4-84-A-12/4

Characterization: It was alleged that Mercury Construction Company Level III inspection personnel had no certifications to inspect at the Waterford site and that two Level III inspectors, the Corporate QA Manager and the training officer, were not qualified to be certified due to insufficient education and previous experience.

Assessment of Allegation: This allegation implies that the Level III inspection personnel were not certified and that two Level III inspectors were not qualified due to insufficient education and experience. If true, this could affect the certification of Level I and Level II inspection personnel performing safety-related inspections, thereby rendering the verification of the quality of safety-related systems indeterminant.

This item was addressed by NRC staff review of Level III inspection personnel packages, certifications, and resumes. The NRC staff found that 13 Level III inspection personnel at Waterford had certification records on file. The certifications did not mention the Waterford site specifically, neither did the certifications for all levels of Mercury inspectors. The Level III inspectors were found to have been certified.

The NRC staff reviewed the certifications and supporting documentation for all site Level III inspection personnel, including the two in question. The certifications of three Level III personnel reveal that they lack sufficient prior experience, although the certifications for the two inspectors in question were found to be acceptable.

This item has potential safety significance. The questionable certifications will be tracked with Allegation A-02.

Potential Violations: Level III inspection personnel may have performed inspections or certified other personnel when they were unqualified based on insufficient prior experience.

Actions Required: See Item No. 1 in the enclosure to the D. Eisenhower letter of June 13, 1984, to J. M. Cain (LP&L).

Reference: See Allegation A-02 for data.

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