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Task: Allegation A-252

Reference No.: 4-84-A-06

Characterization: It is alleged that EBASCO interoffice letter W3-QA-23661 (March 4, 1983) was "an example of correspondence written to cover up problems discovered in the documentary review group."

Assessment of Allegation: During the spring of 1982, EBASCO established a Quality Assurance Independent Review Group (QAIRG) to review the status of the documentation furnished by project subcontractors. One group was responsible for the documentation associated with the installation of Tompkins-Beckwith (T-B) piping hangers. During their review, QAIRG members asked recurrent questions about the details of their document review. Moreover, the group experienced routine personnel turnover. To provide consistent answers to these questions and to give guidance to new QAIRG members, EBASCO management issued W3-QA-23661 on March 4, 1983.

To provide continuity of direction, the letter was jointly written by the EBASCO Manager of the Site, the EBASCO Manager of Information Records, the T-B Quality Assurance (QA) Site Supervisor, and the T-B Engineering Manager. The letter, prior to release, was reviewed and verbally approved by the LP&L Site QA Manager.

The allegor feels that EBASCO management may have attempted to solve problems by dictating solutions rather than by using the established discrepancy reports or nonconformance reports.

The NRC staff reviewed the letter and did not find any instance of an attempt to provide answers or solutions outside the established QA system. Thus, there was no evidence to support the allegor's claim of a coverup.

This allegation has neither safety significance nor generic implications.

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[Potential Violations: None.]

Actions Required: None.

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