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Subject: Duke Energy Corporation
Oconee Nuclear Station Units 1,2, and 3
Docket Nos. 50-269/270/287
McGuire Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-369/370
Catawba Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-413/414
Fitness-For-Duty Program
Report of Unsatisfactory Laboratory Performance

Pursuant to 10 CFR 26, Appendix A, 2.8(e)(4), attached is a report on an incident involving unsatisfactory laboratory testing performance.

Should there be any questions concerning this report, please contact C. J. Thomas at (704) 373-3810.

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SUBJECT: False Negative Blind Performance Urine Drug Screen

One spiked positive blind performance urine drug screen for cocaine was incorrectly identified as negative by the SmithKline Beecham Laboratory (now part of Quest Diagnostics, Inc.) in Atlanta. The specimen was submitted on November 18, 1999. Dr. Jerry McHan of Quality Assurance Associates, who supplied the blind, notified Duke Energy of the results on February 7, 2000.

The specimen should have been positive for cocaine. The laboratory's investigation revealed that the EMIT response was 0.828 (cutoff is equal to 1.000). It was just a little under the cutoff level. All control specimens in the assay were acceptable. This specimen's EMIT value is close to the cutoff level and is likely a random laboratory error of analytical variation.

The laboratory did correctly identify all 8 other specimens spiked with cocaine during the fourth quarter of 1999. All of the blind cocaine specimens came from the same lot number. Also, they correctly identified all other blind specimens submitted. No corrective action is warranted at this time. However, if more blind negatives occur, further investigation or action will be initiated.

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W. E. Dukes, Jr., MD
Corporate Medical Director

Enclosure

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated

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February 28, 2000

Via Facsimile Number 704-382-8075

Duke Power
W.E. Dukes, JR. MD.
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Subject: Specimen Number 7087926/Donor ID number 410131234

Dear Dr. Dukes,

I have reviewed the data generated on the above specimen. The immunoassay gave a response for cocaine of 0.828. All quality control material was acceptable. The 300 ng/ml cut-off is 1.000 and therefore was not considered a screening positive, thus no confirmation was performed. The specimen has been discarded and no further testing can be done. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 800-729-6432, extension 6120.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ben R. Wells". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and connected.

Ben R. Wells
Manager/Forensic Toxicology