

## ALLEGATION REPORT

CASE NO: RII-96-A-0249

FACILITY: Watts Bar Unit 1

CONCERN NO: (1)

DOCKET NO: 50-390

ALLEGER:

EMPLOYER: TVA

ADDRESS:

TITLE: Lead Technician for Ice Condenser System

DATE RECEIVED: 12/16/96

HOME PHONE: ( )

WORK PHONE: ( )

WHAT IS THE ALLEGATION? CI stated he was recently layed off because the system engineer function he was performing on the ice condenser did not require a full time position. He stated that the system did require full time attention due to the many challenges the system presents based on his many years of experience with it. He is concerned the system may degrade and not receive sufficient attention. The currently assigned person (reserved) has two other systems also.

He also had a technical concern involving broken screws which were found in the ice condenser in 1995. A PER was initiated to perform an evaluation. TVA initially performed a metallurgical analysis. Subsequent to that report, the issue was given to Westinghouse to analyze. The issue was very quickly analyzed away and the first report was not used to support the analysis. He is concerned whether the analysis was adequate. The CI called Duke Power to ask if they had experienced a similar problem. They stated that they find broken screws regularly during outages and replace them with stainless steel screws. They implied to him that they had performed an informal internal analysis of the issue and did not involve Westinghouse nor did they highlight the issue as an industry problem. He stated that he would mail copies of two reports to the NRC office at Watts Bar.

The CI indicated that he had filed a complant under the EEO statute (age descrimination) for his layoff. I informed him of the protection for raising safety concerns and the requirement for filing with DOL.

WHAT IS THE REQUIREMENT/VIOLATION? Failure to adequately evaluate an adverse condition would violate the licensee's corrective action program. Operability of the ice condenser is covered by Technical Specifications.

WHERE IS IT LOCATED? Watts Bar Unit 1 ice condenser.

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WHEN DID IT OCCUR? Late in 1995.

WHO IS INVOLVED/WITNESSED? System engineer listed above is aware, his former supervisor (Landy McCormick), and individuals associated with the PER.

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HOW/WHY DID IT OCCUR? Evaluation was done quickly because the site was close to being licensed.

WHAT EVIDENCE CAN BE EXAMINED? Licensee documents such as the PER and some of the broken screws which he has in his position. He stated that he would give NRC the screw samples if we needed them.

DID THE INDIVIDUAL EXPRESS A CONCERN TO THE LICENSEE? A general concern had been expressed regarding the screws when the evaluation was being performed. He also had informed the licensee of the unfairness of his layoff and that the job required full time attention.

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE LICENSEE'S ACTIONS? No outstanding actions.

Alleger informed of NRC identity protection policy?... Y X N  
Did alleger request confidentiality?..... Y N X  
Did the alleger object to a licensee/state referral?...Y X N  
Was the alleger informed of DOL reporting requirements?Y X N

Type of Regulated Activity: (a)X\_Reactor (b)\_Vendor (c)\_Materials  
(d)\_Safeguards (e)\_Other

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