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From: James Wiggins *-RI*
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Had the Region I staff follow up on this with the RIII inspectors.

Seems the issue would make for an interesting Info Notice.....

Jim

CC: Cynthia Carpenter *-NRR*; Loren Plisco *-RI*; Pat Gwynn *-RII*

From: James Noggle *RI*
To: John White, Ronald Nimitz *RI*
Date: 5/20/04 8:18AM *RI*
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Dear John/Ron,

I talked with Ryan Alexander (RIII) and learned the following. On April 9, 2004, during S/G nozzle dam installation activities, they experienced several bubble suit/air line problems. First, one jumper experienced low air pressure in his suit, exited the S/G, and was promptly cut out of his suit. Next, the RP technician decided to increase the air pressure from normal (20-28 psig) to 64 psig. He did this without reference to any procedure requirements. The next couple of jumpers experienced air lines popping off of their fittings while entering the manways, presumably due to the 3X air pressure situation. Again, the jumpers were promptly cut out of their suits. None of the problems resulted in any radiological or life threatening situations. The licensee has a CR started. No information is yet available on why the air pressure was originally low given normal air pressure readings. Procedural adherence and RP technician performance are obvious concerns to be addressed.

John, you asked about a worker being greased to fit into a S/G manway. Apparently, there was one extremely large jumper who was inside a bubble suit that was externally sprayed with formula 409 to help him squeeze into the manway. I am not sure what they were thinking if they had trouble getting him back out. I suppose his weight assisted in his removal. Looks like a lot of poor judgement and poor oversight associated with this work.

Regards,

Jim

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