

Allegation No.: RI-2002-A-0160 (SSW)

Site/Facility: Salem

ARB Date: 01/22/03

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Branch Chief (AOC): Meyer

Acknowledged: N/A

Confidentiality Granted: N/A

Issue discussed:- The resident inspectors identified one potential safety issue and two potential staff suspected wrongdoing (SSW) issues based on information brought out during their conversation with [redacted] was not presenting the issues as allegations, as suspected wrongdoing matters, or as issues requiring followup. Rather, he was discussing matters in the context of management's interface with union workers.] The SSW issues relate to (1) a potential unauthorized installation of commercial grade equipment to assist in chemistry monitoring and (2) the apparent failure to document the issue in the corrective action system once it was raised to management in August 2002. The technical issue relates to the installation of commercial grade computer equipment that could be used to improve monitoring capability. The technical concerns relate to making additional penetrations through existing fire barriers and/or installing power supplies in parallel with existing monitoring equipment.

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Allegor contacted prior to referral to licensee (if applicable)? N/A

**ALLEGATION REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS**

Attendees: Chair - Blough Branch Chief (AOC) - Barber (Act) SAC - Urban

OI Rep. - Monroe, Neff RI Counsel - Fewell Others - Crlenjak

**DISPOSITION ACTIONS:** (List actions for processing and closure. Note responsible person(s), form of action closure document(s), and estimated completion dates.)

- 1. SRI determined that the existing installation did penetrate fire barriers and was not approved for installation by the existing work control processes. DRP Branch 3 to complete inspection and handle as part of inspection process.

Responsible Person: Meyer  
Closure Documentation: \_\_\_\_\_

ECD: \_\_\_\_\_  
Completed: Panel 1/23/03

- 2. Since existing installation violated NRC requirements, have OI open a case (1-2003-012) to investigate for potential wrongdoing (Concern 1). Incorporate Concern 2 in OI investigation if violation exists.

Responsible Person: Wilson  
Closure Documentation: \_\_\_\_\_

ECD: TBD  
Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. Regional Counsel to review information and ascertain if actual violation exists for Concern 2. Provide documentation of assessment to SAC and OI for file.

Responsible Person: Fewell  
Closure Documentation: \_\_\_\_\_

ECD: 1/24/03  
Completed: 1-22-03

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**SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE ASSESSMENT:** The risk significance of this concern appears low since [redacted] personnel that might be involved with any future tagging evolutions or work on the installed chemistry net would be knowledgeable of the equipment installation. Thus, any personnel hazard would be limited.

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**ARB MINUTES ARE REVIEWED AND APPROVED AT THE ARB**

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**PRIORITY OF OI INVESTIGATION: HIGH**

If potential discrimination or wrongdoing and OI is not opening a case, provide rationale here (e.g., no prima facie, lack of specific indication of wrongdoing):

Rationale used to defer OI discrimination case (DOL case in progress):

Although SSW is usually of concern because of it involves personal integrity, the low significance of the underlying technical issues mollifies this inherent priority.

**ENFORCEMENT STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS CONSIDERATION (only applies to wrongdoing matters (including discrimination issues) that are under investigation by OI, DOL, or DOJ):**

What is the potential violation and regulatory requirement? \_\_\_\_\_

When did the potential violation occur? \_\_\_\_\_

(Assign action to determine date, if unknown)

Once date of potential violation is established, SAC will assign AMS action to have another ARB at four (4) years from that date, to discuss enforcement statute of limitations issues.

**NOTES: (Include other pertinent comments. Also include considerations related to licensee referral, if appropriate. Identify any potential generic issues)**

**Distribution:** Panel Attendees, Regional Counsel, OI, Responsible Individuals (original to SAC)