

Allegation No.: RI-2003-A-0138 (#5)  
Site/Facility: Hope Creek  
ARB Date: 4/30/2004

Branch Chief (AOC): Barber (Actg)  
Acknowledged: Yes  
Confidentiality Granted: No

**Issue discussed:**-- An allegor raised a number of issues related to nuclear equipment operator (NEO) performance at Hope Creek. Technical issues raised by the allegation included inappropriate conduct during non-licensed operator exams, inappropriate completion of on-the-job tasks and evaluations, tagout problems, an inaccurate report for the cause of a mechanical vacuum pump trip, questionable practices when recording EDG surveillance readings, procedural compliance issues when adding hydrogen to the main generator, lax practices when addressing low pump oil levels, and a number of cultural issues.

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

**ALLEGATION REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS**

Attendees: Chair - Blough Branch Chief (AOC) - Barber (Actg) SAC - Vito, Harrison  
OI Rep. - Wilson RI Counsel - \_\_\_\_\_ 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. Review comments that the allegor made regarding SCWE (Concern 2) at Hope Creek and decide on a specific mechanism to track and document the allegor's concern.

OI to ask questions during the ongoing investigation on testing/cheating, OJT signing parties (~~1-2004~~).

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Responsible Person: ARB  
Closure Documentation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE ASSESSMENT:** The risk significance of this concern could be moderate to high because of examination conduct issues appear to be pervasive.

**PRIORITY OF OI INVESTIGATION:**

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):

**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.

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

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

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