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Allegation No.: RI-2003-A-0138 (#4)  
Site/Facility: Hope Creek  
ARB Date: 2/19/2004

Branch Chief (AOC): Meyer  
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) - Meyer SAC - Vito  
OI Rep. - \_\_\_\_\_ RI Counsel - Farrar Others - Barber

**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 on the acknowledgment letter for any potential new issues. DRP completed this review and no new technical issues were identified.

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

ECD: 2/18/04  
Completed: 2/18/04

2. Status letter acknowledging NRC receipt of allegor's comments on ack letter and providing answers to tech issues that are not being reviewed by OI that are currently available.

Responsible Person: SAC  
Closure Documentation: \_\_\_\_\_

ECD: 2/25/04  
Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

3. DRP to review file and provide SAC documented answers to tech issues that are not being reviewed by OI and also identify any tech issues that remain to be resolved.

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

ECD: 2/25/04  
Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Referral letter to licensee, if appropriate. DRP to provide words for Enclosure 1 to referral letter.

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

ECD: 2/25/04  
Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

ARB MINUTES ARE REVIEWED AND APPROVED AT THE ARB

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**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)