

Allegation Receipt Report

How Received:

Levon Benally with the Navajo EPA Superfund program mentioned the allegation to Jane Marshall (Hydrologist NMSS/DWM/URB) during a site visit to the United Nuclear Corporation's (UNC) Churchrock site.

Nature and Details of Allegation:

Levon Benally said [redacted], a former UNC employee, had approached him with information regarding some occurrences at the site while he was employed there. [redacted] informed Mr. Benally that the records concerning cleanup of windblown tailings (specifically the radiation survey taken after the tails had been cleaned up) had been intentionally falsified at the request of Mr. [redacted] at that time. The readings were falsified to show that the radiation was down to acceptable levels, instead of the elevated readings given by the instruments according to [redacted] was directed to sign off on the false reports, which he did at that time.

[redacted] added that he had reported the allegation to UNC management, and UNC began harassment of [redacted] brought up the issue while still an employee, and he feels that is why he was [redacted]

Unknown if UNC has taken any action to correct the issue subsequent to [redacted] report.

Mr. Benally mentioned that there were others (according to [redacted]) who could corroborate his story, but they would only come forward if they could remain anonymous.

Further contact:

Levon Benally (requested copy of NRC allegation procedures, if possible)
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(Mr. Benally reported this to the NRC)

Alleger:

Unknown if [redacted] has concerns about being identified, but don't believe so (since he has brought it up to them once already and is currently involved)

(According to Benally)

Additional notes:

[redacted] has brought forth allegations against UNC Churchrock previously. He is currently [redacted]

Allegation made to Jane Marshall, Hydrologist NMSS/DWM/URB 415-6390 Mail Stop T7-J9 on July 8, 1997 during a site tour of the UNC Churchrock site. Allegation was made out of earshot of UNC personnel.

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