

**From:** Mel Gray  
**To:** Scott Barber  
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**Subject:** Re: allegation received

I agree with you now that this appears to be a SCWE issue only, but I did not know there was not an inadequacy at the time of receipt.

When I talked with the concerned individual on 3/16 and 17, the issues largely involved a feeling that individuals did not feel free to challenge management on the technical basis for continuing to operate the plant. This is a SCWE issue.

However, the potential inadequacy issue at the time of receipt of the allegation involved the lack of a documented operability basis for staying online for 3 more days with a noise of unknown origin. If the individual and the tech team at large were indicating there was no sound technical basis for staying online, and mgt opted to operate anyway, that would be an inadequacy.

However, the same day an operability evaluation was documented based on tech team input (notwithstanding the concerned individuals opinion about what GL 91-18 calls for). Therefore the inadequacy part diminished, and I am now left with a SCWE issue.

Note the concerned individual still has the position that the source of the noise must be known or shutdown commenced. I disagreed that week and concluded there must be a reasonable basis for operability with short term ongoing actions to investigate. This was provided on 3/16.

TO recap, because of the SCWE situation at HC and the inadequacy call was not clear, I opted to submit the allegation form.

>>> Scott Barber 03/29/04 06:05PM >>>

Mel - I drafted an ARB form for this allegation last night, but I'm struggling to see where there is a statement of inadequacy or impropriety. It appears to me that it's more of a work environment issue. In this case, it appeared that the alleger got a little irritated with the plant manager and he's writing an allegation to that affect. Where's the safety issue?

>>> Mel Gray 03/22/04 06:16AM >>>  
See attached.

**CC:** Glenn Meyer

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