

ALLEGATION REVIEW BOARD

SUMMARY

Allegation Number: **NMSS-97-A-0025** United Nuclear Corporation - Churchrock

1. The NMSS Allegation Review Board met on July 24, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. in T7E53.

2. Present at the meeting were:

J. T. Greeves, Dir. DWM, Chairman
D. D. Murphy, OI
R. L. O'Connell, OAC

D. M. Gillen, Acting Chief, URB
J. E. Marshall, URB

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3. Facilities involved: **UNC Churchrock, AZ**

4. Description: 1. Records concerning cleanup of windblown tailings (specifically the radiation survey taken after the tails had been cleaned up) were intentionally falsified at the direction of supervisor to show that radiation was down to acceptable levels instead of elevated levels given by the instruments.

2. Alleger nc harassed after allegor reported the concern to UNC management, and allegor was terminated from employment.

5. Allegation assigned to RIV

6. Safety significance: **Low**; Based on site visits and previous evaluations, NRC has no reason to believe that there are significant safety concerns with tailings cleanup.

7. Priority: **TBD by RIV**

8. OI/OIG: **To be coordinated by RIV**

9. The following resolution plan & schedule was approved by the ARB:

ARB reviewed the concerns and determined that they should be referred to RIV for followup action. Allegor also previously raised other concerns regarding the facility (NMSS-96-A-0012).

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Due Date</u> |
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| a. Acknowledgement/transfer ltr to allegor | 07/31/97 |
| b. Ltr to Navajo EPA Superfund rep. | 07/31/97 |
| c. Referral to RIV & close file | 07/31/97 |

10. Prepared by: R. L. O'Connell
R. L. O'Connell, NMSS OAC

Date: 7/24/97

11. Approved by: J. T. Greeves
J. T. Greeves, Chairman, ARB

Date: 7/31/97

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