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Subject: SALEM SJ CHECK VALVE ISSUE

Dave, Steve Pindale and I interviewed [redacted] on 2 issues on 1/22/04. During the SCWE portion of the interview [redacted] said that he believes the Salem SJ valves in question were declared operable (after leaking was detected) without a sound technical basis. [redacted] does not believe the conservative thing was done and he does not believe that technical specification compliance was met with how they handled the issue. [redacted] said that at artificial island, Operations made operability conclusions and pressure/pushback on the SJ valve issue came from [redacted]. Specifically, [redacted] told [redacted] that they were not in tech spec compliance on this issue and [redacted] responded that engineering had done an evaluation - and pushed back on [redacted] after [redacted] told him he believe it was inoperable.

Eileen and I heard a similar concern raised regarding these valves by Salem [redacted] during a 12/16/03 interview. We have now heard this from 2 high level sources - with indications that there may have been a violation of tech specs. I will not receive the [redacted] transcript for about 10 days - but wanted to get this info to you so that a formal determination can be made thru the allegation process on whether a violation occurred here. If it did, there are clear indications from [redacted] testimony that it is potential deliberate misconduct. Jeff

CC: Eileen Neff; Ernest Wilson

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