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EA-2010-071

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SUBJECT: OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION - NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT
2-2010-003

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), Region II (RII), on October 14, 2009, to determine whether two DZ Atlantic contract employees assigned to the, Oconee Nuclear Station (Oconee), willfully altered Unique Traceability Code (UTC) numbers on U-bolts being utilized at Oconee.

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