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To: ALLEGATION
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Subject: Fwd: CGS Allegation RIV-2007-A-0036 Concerns List

Attached is the concerns list.

>>> Thomas Farnholtz 03/27/2007 3:41 PM >>>
Claude -

Here is the concerns list for that subject allegation. I am recommending referring for information only. I don't see anything here that is within NRC jurisdiction.

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CONCERNS LIST				RIV-2007-A-0036
Concern (Brief Statement)				Regulatory Requirement
Branch	Action (Inspect, Refer, Investigate, No Action)	Planned Completion	Significance (High, Normal)	OI Priority (H, N, L)
1	A contractor employee (Williams Plant Services) who was in a supervisory position falsified as-found data for work that he was associated with.			None - Not Within NRC Jurisdiction
RPBA	Refer - Info Only		Normal	

Revised 5/22/02

Indirect Charges

A10304 Support for Allegations (Reactors)

A10191 Support for Allegations (Materials)

Direct Inspection Activities

AF Allegation Followup

BJ2 Allegation Prep/Doc

AFT Allegation Travel

From: Claude Johnson
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As discussed in the ARB, Branch A has made a revision to the memo sent to Harry Freeman. See attached revised memo.

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June 6, 2007

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry A. Freeman, Senior Allegation Coordinator

FROM: Claude E. Johnson, Chief, Reactor Projects Branch A

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION RIV-2007-A-0036

Branch A has completed its review of the Columbia Generating Station licensee (Energy Northwest) response to the subject allegation. The concern was substantiated. During the licensee's investigation, the licensee indicated that the foreman who falsified the as-found data for work associated with maintenance on a circulating water tower fan initially stated that his immediate supervisor requested that he record the as-found data in the as-left spaces. At a subsequent meeting, the foreman admitted that he alone had, in fact, made the decision to enter the as-found readings in the as-left spaces. Immediately following this admission, the individual was terminated from his employment with Williams Plant Services (WPS) and escorted off-site.

Branch A has determined that no violations of NRC requirements occurred as a result of this event. The maintenance was confined to the non-safety related portions of the balance of plant circulating water cooling towers. The requirements of 10 CFR Part 50 Appendix B and Technical Specification 5.4.1.a and Regulatory Guide 1.33 are not applicable. In addition, no Maintenance Rule (10 CFR 50.65) violations were identified since the cooling tower fans are not relied upon to mitigate accidents or transients and it did not result in a functional failure. The circulating water tower cooling fan blade pitch was re-measured following the discovery of the falsified data entry. Although the blade pitch readings were not within tolerance, licensee engineering analysis determined that the pitch readings were acceptable. Failure of this component was considered a commercial risk since it would most likely affect condenser vacuum and at worst may necessitate a plant downpower to maintain condenser vacuum.

Branch A has no further review or action for this allegation.

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4/10/07