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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated by the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), Region II, on May 12, 2010, to determine whether a QC Inspector, Duke Energy, willfully falsified QC Inspection records by claiming that he utilized binoculars during a code-required inspection of the bottom of the reactor vessel during the fall 2009 Oconee Unit 1 refueling outage.

Based upon the evidence developed during the investigation, OI RII did not substantiate that a QC Inspector, Duke Energy, willfully falsified QC Inspection records by claiming that he utilized binoculars during a code-required inspection of the bottom of the reactor vessel during the fall 2009 Oconee Unit 1 refueling outage.

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