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October 26, 2012
EN-12-048

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Individual: Mr. Brandon D. Neff, a contract Condenser Replacement (IA-12-044)
Project Superintendent at Energy Northwest's Columbia
Generating Station

Subject: INDIVIDUAL ORDER PROHIBITING INVOLVEMENT IN NRC-LICENSED
ACTIVITIES

This is to inform the Commission that an Order prohibiting Mr. Brandon D. Neff, a contract superintendent, from working in Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) jurisdiction for a period of 3 years will be issued on or about October 31, 2012. The Order will commence 20 days from the issuance date of the Order, unless a request for NRC Alternative Dispute Resolution is granted. Specifically, Mr. Neff will be prohibited from engaging in NRC-licensed activities for the duration of the Order. Further, this Order requires Mr. Neff to notify the NRC of his involvement in NRC licensed activities for a period of 1 year following the prohibition period.

On June 2, 2011, while employed at Columbia Generating Station, Mr. Neff attempted to subvert a Fitness-For-Duty drug test and signed the Licensee's Federal Drug Testing Custody and Control Form attesting that the specimen submitted for the drug test was not adulterated in any manner. The submittal of this false information was material to the NRC because random Fitness-For-Duty drug testing is required by NRC regulations in 10 CFR Part 26, "Fitness for Duty Programs." This program is one of the means by which licensees assure the NRC that nuclear workers are not under the influence of any substance, legal or illegal, which may adversely affect their ability to competently and safely perform their duties. If not detected, this would have caused Energy Northwest to be in violation of 10 CFR 26.23(a), which requires licensees to provide reasonable assurance that individuals are trustworthy and reliable as demonstrated by the avoidance of substance abuse.

Because Mr. Neff's actions were deliberate, he violated the NRC's deliberate misconduct rule 10 CFR 50.5(a), which prohibits, in part, any licensee or employee of a licensee, or any contractor or subcontractor of a licensee to engage in deliberate misconduct or to deliberately submit to the NRC, a licensee, or a licensee's contractor or subcontractor, information that the person submitting the information knows to be incomplete or inaccurate in some respect material to the NRC. In addition to this Order, the individual will receive a permanent denial of access authorization from this licensee in accordance with 10 CFR 26.75(b), "Sanctions".

Mr. Neff will be informed of the issuance of the Order on or about the following dates:

Mailing of Notice	October 31, 2012
Telephone Notification of Individual	October 31, 2012

The State of Washington will be notified on or about the same date.

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