

# LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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MONTH	DAY	YEAR	YEAR	SEQUENTIAL NUMBER	REVISION NUMBER	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	FACILITY NAME	DOCKET NUMBER(S)
02	17	98	98	S01	0	03	19	98	Unit 2	05000 270
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LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)

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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e. approximately fifteen single-space typewritten lines) (16)

On 02/17/98 at approximately 1821 hours, with Unit 1 at 0% power and Unit 2 and 3 at 100% power, a small handgun was discovered exterior to the Protected Area during the search process of an ingressing licensee employee. The handgun was discovered by a Security Officer during the X-ray search process. The handgun was located in a pistol case inside of a Radiation Protection (RP) Technicians coat pocket. The RP Technician had placed the coat through the X-ray machine along with other miscellaneous personal items. Upon discovery, the Security Officer took possession of the handgun and the RP Technician was denied access to the site protected area. Notification of the event was made to the NRC and appropriate station management. The RP Technician stated that he inadvertently failed to remove the handgun from his possession before reporting to work. The RP Technician had a concealed weapons permit and stated that he frequently carried the handgun outside of the work environment. Subsequent corrective action resulted in the termination of the RP Technician.

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**EVALUATION:****BACKGROUND**

The Code of Federal Regulations Appendix G to 10 Part 73 states, in part, "the actual or attempted introduction of contraband into a protected area" requires licensees to report within one hour of discovery in accordance with 10 CFR 73.71. The Duke Power Management Procedure states, in part, "No employee will have a weapon, firearm, or explosive in his/her possession while at work (including rest or meal periods) or on Company property whether or not a permit to carry the item has been issued. Possession refers to having the item on one's person or in a personal toolbox, locker, desk, etc. A concealed handgun permit does not authorize a person to carry a handgun on Duke Power property."

In addition, signs are posted at entrance points stating weapons are not allowed on the premises in accordance with the South Carolina State Code 16-11-620 regulating concealed weapons.

The Radiation Protection (RP) Technician was a licensee employee who had been employed with the company for over 19 years. The RP Technician was trained and knowledgeable that firearms are prohibited inside of the Protected Area whether or not a state permit to carry the item has been issued.

**EVENT DESCRIPTION**

On 02/17/98 at approximately 1821 hours, with Unit 1 at 0% power and Unit 2 and 3 at 100% power, a small handgun was discovered exterior to the Protected Area during the search process of an ingressing licensee employee. Radiation Protection (RP) Technician "A" was reporting for night shift and had placed his coat and other hand carried items on the X-ray machine. As the RP Technician processed through the walk through metal detector, Security Officer "A" observed a silhouette of what appeared to be a handgun on the X-ray monitor. Security Officer "A" stopped the X-ray machine and took possession of the coat. The Officer searched the coat and discovered a pouch containing a small .22 caliber handgun. Security Officer "A" stated that the RP Technician looked as

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though he was very surprised when the handgun was discovered in the coat. The RP Technician stated to Security Officer "A" that the handgun was left in his pocket during the weekend and he had forgotten to remove it prior to reporting for work. The RP Technician was denied access to the Protected Area and was escorted out of the search lobby. The RP Technician's security badge was placed on "Supervisory Hold" and notifications were made to Station Management, Human Resources and NRC Resident Inspector. A one-hour notification of the event was made to the NRC at 1912 hours in accordance with 10CRF 73.71 (b) (1).

During the interview with the RP Technician by the RP Supervisor, the RP Technician stated he had a concealed weapons permit and frequently carried the handgun while off site. The RP Technician stated that he kept the handgun in the pocket of his coat but did not normally wear that coat to work. On the evening of 2/17/98, the RP Technician stated that he was running late for work and had been late the previous day also. Therefore, he did not wish to be late unless it was absolutely necessary. In his haste to leave the house, he inadvertently picked up the wrong coat. The RP Technician stated that the coat he normally wore to work and the coat with the handgun in the pocket were hanging in the closet together and in his haste, he grabbed the wrong coat. The RP Technician stated he did not realize the handgun was in the coat pocket because he did not put the coat on but carried the coat in his hand. The RP Technician commented that he was surprised when the officer discovered the handgun.

**CONCLUSION:**

The investigation of this event did not indicate any malevolent intent on the part of the RP Technician. The RP Technician was familiar with station policy prohibiting weapons on the premise but inadvertently failed to remove the handgun from his coat pocket prior to reporting to work. The apparent cause of this event is attributed to the individual being preoccupied with personal problems.

A review of Security reportability documentation for the previous twenty-four months reveals no reportable events of a similar nature have occurred. Therefore, this event is not a recurring event.

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### CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

#### IMMEDIATE:

- 1) Security Officer took control of the weapon.
- 2) Individual was denied access to the Protected Area.
- 3) Individual's security badge was restricted.
- 4) Investigation was initiated.

#### SUBSEQUENT:

- 1) Individual was terminated from the company in accordance with Duke Power "Firearms/weapons Possession" and "Corrective Action" Management Procedures.

#### PLANNED:

NONE

There are no NRC commitment items contained in this report.

#### SAFETY ANALYSIS:

There was no safety significance associated with this event as the investigation of this event did not indicate any malevolent intent on the part of the RP Technician and the weapon was detected prior to entry into the protected area. Therefore, the health and safety of the public was not impacted by this event.