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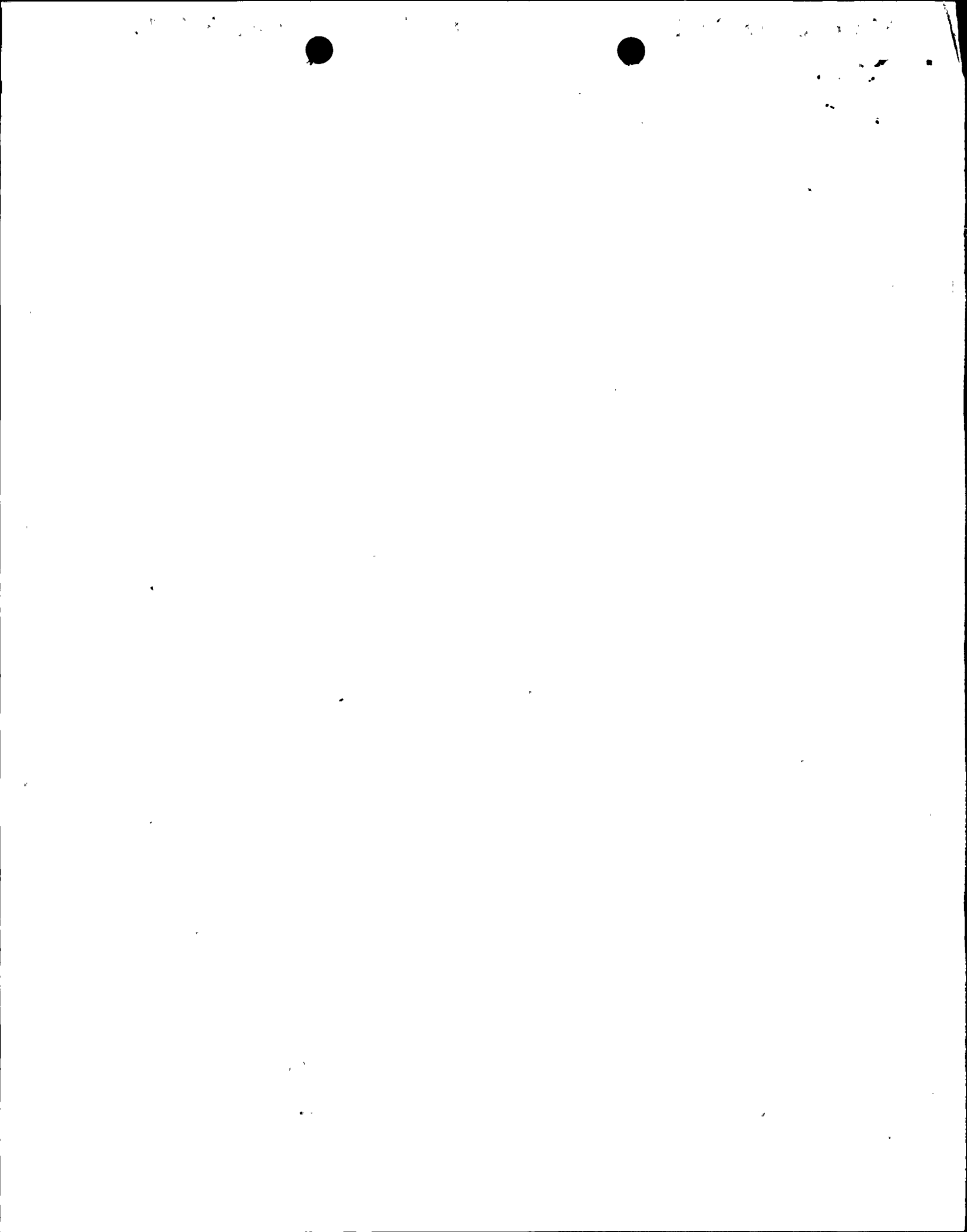
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SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION
FITNESS FOR DUTY - FALSE POSITIVE
PLA-3425 FILE R41-2

Dear Dr. Bush:

The purpose of this report is to notify NRC of a false positive 10CFR26 determination made by PP&L on the basis of an employee random screening test. The cause of the false positive determination was a data entry error made by our DHHS certified laboratory, PDLA. The employee appealed the determination. The error came to light during the appeal.

We would like to stress that the results of the analyses performed by PDLA are not in question. These results, if accurately transmitted to PP&L, would not have resulted in a positive determination. A data entry error at PDLA caused an erroneously high level of phenobarbital to be reported. This was questioned by our Medical Review Officer. Unfortunately, his inquiry did not uncover the error.

PDLA has notified PP&L of its corrective action to preclude a repeat error of this nature. They now require a second certifying scientist to review and approve the release of data entered by the original certifying scientist. We believe their action should be effective. In addition, we are sensitive to the need to more thoroughly pursue questionable results. In the future, we will retest any specimen where the employee questions the presumptive positive result.

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