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Task: Allegation A-107

Reference No.: 4-84-A-06-02

Characterization: It is alleged that false documents were generated to replace missing records related to Cadweld activities.

Assessment of Allegation: The NRC staff reviewed and assessed many allegations related to Cadwelding. (See Allegations A-106, A-108, A-133, A-156, and A-147) Each allegation was resolved to the NRC staff's satisfaction as described in these assessments. Site personnel stated that discrepancies in signatures and initials on the Daily Cadweld Inspection Reports were the result of reconstruction of original reports that were soiled in the field, or that inspectors had to be in a physically awkward position during the inspection and had a second inspector record and initial the data. Regarding tensile test reports, the NCR addressing this issue stated that the original test records were in fact lost and that replacement records were generated based on records maintained by the testing company.

In addition to the review of the allegations described above, the NRC staff reviewed other records related to Cadwelds and looked for any obvious indications of falsified documents. Other technical areas were also reviewed so that information could be forwarded to the NRC Office of Investigations. The NRC staff looked for documents which appeared to be extremely new, but which had old dates, errors in dates, duplicate originals, or other discrepancies which should be made known to OI investigators. The NRC staff also reviewed other Allegations (A-110, A-115, A-130, A-146, A-155, and A-171) that were related to Cadwelds. The review revealed no obvious evidence of falsified records. Thus, the NRC staff has concluded that the concern related to falsified records of Cadweld activities is not an issue.

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This issue has neither safety significance nor generic implications. It should be noted, however, that this technical conclusion is contingent upon the results of investigations being performed by the NRC Office of Investigations and that further technical evaluations may be necessary, depending on the outcome of these investigations.

Potential Violations: None.

Actions Required: None.

References

1. Assessments of Allegations A-106, A-108, A-110, A-115, A-130, A-133, A-146, A-147, A-148, A-155, A-156, and A-171.

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