

March 27, 1980, it was a "hot area" and for some reason upper management said it was okay to enter the room, or the reason could be that on March 27, 1980, somebody rewrote the radiation work procedure to allow an individual to receive a quarterly dose of radiation in one evening. Individual H explained that about ten minutes later he told Individual A what Individual I had told him and added that he did not agree with this explanation and suggested that he and Individual A check this out further with the HP's supervisor. Individual H explained that initially Individual A agreed to accompany him when they talked to the HP's supervisor, however, they were not successful in immediately contacting the HP's supervisor. Individual H remarked that a short time later he did contact the HP's supervisor, however, Individual A had gone off site to make a telephone call. Individual H claimed after he learned the circumstances surrounding the radiation level in Room 15A on March 26, 1980, and May 11, 1980, he contacted Individual A about one hour later to explain the situation, however, Individual A was not interested in the explanation. Individual H added that, if his comments to Individual A, were interpreted by Individual A wherein Individual A believed he was mislead in March 1980, concerning the radiation level in Room 15A, it was purely unintentional. Individual H concluded that shortly after March 27, 1980, the lead blankets on the pipes were removed from the pipes, which would explain higher radiation levels on May 11, 1980.

Interview of Individual I

On May 16, 1980, Individual I, Health Physicist, OPPD, executed a signed statement wherein he recalled Individual H asking him on May 11, 1980, why the radiation level in Room 15A was different that the radiation level in 15A on March 27, 1980. Individual I stated that he told Individual H that on March 25, 1980, Room 15A had a high radiation level but that upper management, Individual J (Engineer, OPPD) ordered that work had to be done in the room. Individual I stated that he later heard that the pipes were flushed and additional lead blankets were installed over the pipes, that (in effect), lowered the radiation level permitting work to continue in Room 15A. Individual I claimed that Individual H asked him about dose levels and Individual I advised he told Individual H that the daily radiation dose level was 300 mr/hr, however, a person could legally receive a quarterly dose in one day. During the interview it was pointed out that Individual H had interpreted his comments somewhat different than he had just stated. Individual I remarked that he could not understand this, because he told individual H that upper management ordered the work to be done in Room 15A only after corrective action had been taken and that his comments regarding radiation doses were of a general nature. *

Interview of Individual J

On May 16, 1980, Individual J, an Engineer, OPPD, advised that to the best of his memory, about 6 to 8 weeks ago, he scheduled some work in Room 15A at which time an HP (identification unknown) told him that the radiation level was too high for work to be done. Individual J recalled that he told the HP department that work had to be done in Room 15A and to take immediate action to lower the radiation level. Individual J