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MEMORANDUM FOR: Region III Files

THRU: John F. Streeter, Acting Director, Enforcement and Investigations Staff

FROM: Charles H. Weil, Investigator

SUBJECT: ANONYMOUS ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED BY REGION I CONCERNING LACBWR (50-409); PERRY (40-440; 50-441); ZIMMER (50-353).

The attached memorandum from Region I pertains to information received by that region from an anonymous allegor. Most of the information deals with the performance of the allegor's employer, Nuclear Engineering Services (NES), at nuclear power plants within Region I. Also, the allegor included information pertaining to NES performance at Region V plants, as well as LACBWR, Perry and Zimmer.

Regarding Perry and Zimmer the allegor provided, "Perry (Cleveland Electric), Zimmer (Cincinnati Gas and Electric) and Moscow are examples where the in-service inspection test activities of automated equipment which is intended for use at these sites, are not in compliance with the specification. At the time of the above interview (July 6, 1981), he was not able to identify the specification which he was referring to."

The information pertaining to LACBWR was, "the caller also made a vague reference to the hangers at the Dairyland facility but did not indicate that this involved a safety problem."

Also, "he said that the L Crosse (Dairyland) facility is an example of where there were approximately 50 tasks of architectural engineering services that were performed without calculation notebooks being prepared in some instances or were not properly documented and reviewed, for example, the gas effluent analysis... He said that he (the allegor) performed an audit on a design function, without a calculation notebook being prepared, and he was ordered...not to issue an audit report nor a corrective action to the responsible individual. He said there was an exit interview with the Project Manager of NES but it was never documented... He said that some of the aforementioned tasks of architectural engineering services are on-going and some are 4 or 5 years old... Messrs. Capton and Shepherd (Region I) attempted to obtain specific details regarding the...50 specific tasks of architectural engineering services which NES reportedly performed for the LaCrosse facility. The allegor said that he was not able to answer some of the specific questions at this time and he suggested that the NRC look at several of the designs at random... With regard to Dairyland (LaCrosse facility), he again said that he does not recall what the design review

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was being done for and he repeated that he does not know the reasons for the review. He said that the time frame (regarding the LaCrosse matter) is 'about five years ago but many are on-going projects, for example, the gas effluent analyses.' He said he looked at several different projects and, in some cases, there were no (calculation) notebooks, no certification of the computer code, or no review."

Region I has sent the above reference memorandum to Region IV for Vendor Inspection. James E. Gagliardo, Region IV, Director EIS, has advised the Vendor Inspection Branch was coordinating the information with Region I and was planning to conduct a vendor inspection of NES in the near future. Gagliardo stated Region III would be notified if any substantive information regarding RIII facilities was developed during the inspection of NES.

This matter is considered closed until such time as substantive information regarding Region III facilities is developed.

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