



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

September 28, 1990

The Honorable Bill Nelson
Member, United States House
of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Nelson:

I am responding to your letter of August 30, 1990, regarding Mr. James C. Pillow, a former Westinghouse employee, who failed a drug test at the Virginia Electric and Power Company's North Anna Station.

Coincidental to our receipt of your inquiry, Mr. Pillow telephoned our Region II office in Atlanta, Georgia on August 31, 1990, and provided further details relative to the drug test. Mr. Pillow agreed that the licensee should be provided with his allegations. Consequently on September 6 we informed the licensee's Vice President - Nuclear of his concerns. On September 10 and 11, the NRC conducted a special Fitness-For-Duty inspection at the licensee's corporate offices in Richmond and Glen Allen, Virginia.

We have determined that Mr. Pillow, in fact, took two drug tests. On August 20 the licensee administered a "pre-access" test as required by the NRC's Fitness-For-Duty Rule (10 CFR Part 26) and on August 21, Mr. Pillow's employer, Westinghouse, administered a pre-employment drug test which was not required by NRC. It is our understanding that Mr. Pillow was terminated by Westinghouse on August 23, 1990 based on the results of this later test. We also reviewed the procedures used by the licensee in administering their drug test, which included split sample analysis, using different analysis techniques and review by three Medical Review Officers. Our conclusion is that the licensee's test met all the requirements of NRC regulations.

We hope this information has been responsive to your inquiry. If we may be of additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,


James Taylor
Executive Director of Operations

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