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Mr. Stewart Ebnetter
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Dear Mr. Ebnetter:

I am writing on behalf of J. C. Pillow, Jr., whose correspondence is attached. You will note that Mr. Pillow was a nuclear power plant employee, working for Westinghouse, until he was fired recently as a result of a positive test on an employee drug screening.

Mr. Pillow denies having used illegal drugs. He believes the test results may have been positive because of medications and vitamins he was taking, and which he reported to the technician taking the sample. He reports that his contact with the lab which tested the sample revealed that they were not given the information about the medications and vitamins he was taking, which could have influenced the test results. He believes that he was fired and subsequently banned from the nuclear power industry without just cause.

Will you please check into this matter and respond to my Melbourne office. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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cc: Laura Gerke, NRC HQ

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Bill Nelson
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When I voted for you last time, I had no idea I would be asking you for help with a problem. I voted for you because you supported NASA and that you had been a crew member on a Space Shuttle.

I have been working in the nuclear power industry since 1984, and the last couple of summers I have worked for NASA tours and went to school for Emergency Medical Technician and for Combat Firefighter. Then around winter I go back to being a contract health physics and decontamination technician.

I took a job with Westinghouse at a power plant in Virginia. I have worked with Westinghouse before and I have been at Virginia Power once before also. As usual there is a drug screening process.

On August 13'th. I recieved a anti-hepatitus shot (as I am a member of Brevard County EMS aux.) I then went to Virginia for aprox 3 mo. refueling outage at the North Anna Power Station in Virginia.

I had been taking benadryl, vitamin E and B and tylenol prior to the drug test. I mentioned this on the paperwork at the drug screen that was taken on August 21'st.

Sir, I do not use illegal drugs. I showed "positive" on the drug test and was fired and am now banned from the nuclear industry. I went to the clinic that took the sample and they refered me to the lab which was on the other side of Virginia. I called them to ask how they could have come up with a positive. They told me they were not told of the anti-hepatitus shot or benadryl or vitamins and tylenol. They also said it didn't matter anyhow. I have since read and heard that any of the above would show "positive".

Now I am banned from the nuclear industry thru 10 CFR 26. fitness for duty. An NRC law.

Mr. Nelson, I did not do any illegal drugs of any kind. I have lots of commendations from alot of employers and power plants. I have perfect attendance, and now Westinghouse wont even talk to me and several other contractors have turned me down because of a false "positive".

I am innocent. Please help me.

J.C. Fillow Jr.

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