

U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I

Enforcement Conference Report No. 030-31830/94-002

Docket No. 030-31830

License No. 37-28556-01 Priority No. 5 Category K Program Code 03120

Licensee: Westinghouse Electric Corporation
Resource Energy Systems Division
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Forest Hills, Pennsylvania

Facility Name: Westinghouse Electric Corporation
Resource Energy Systems Division
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Chester, Pennsylvania

Enforcement Conference Conducted: March 4, 1994 1:30 p.m.

Conference at: Region I Office, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

Inspectors:

Keith D. Brown

Keith D. Brown, Health Physicist

3/9/94

date

Approved by:

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date

Conference Summary: The Enforcement Conference discussed the findings documented in Inspection Report No. 030-31830/94-001 which concerned the loss of a fixed gauge containing 100 millicuries of cesium 137. The licensee described the actions taken in response to the incident and its corrective actions to prevent recurrence. The NRC's enforcement policy was explained to the licensee.

DETAILS

1. Persons Participating

Licensee

Michael F. Johnson, Manager, Resource Energy Systems
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Westinghouse Environmental Corporation
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2. Conference Summary

In an opening statement, the NRC's Acting Deputy Director of the Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards explained the purpose of the Enforcement Conference. The issues identified in NRC Report No. 030-31830/94-001 were discussed.

NRC representatives asked the licensee if they wished to formally request withholding of the names of other entities involved in the incident as indicated in the letter sent with the incident report submitted on February 25, 1994. The licensee indicated that the names of the other entities had already been made public and that they did not wish to pursue their request.

The licensee agreed that the two violations identified in NRC Report No. 030-31830/94-001 occurred. The licensee representatives stated that they believe that the loss showed an unforeseen weakness in security measures in place at the facility, rather than a lack of security measures. The licensee presented to the NRC the corrective actions which have been taken to prevent the violations from recurring at the facility or occurring at another facility. These actions are described below.

1. The remaining gauges which were not being used have been removed by Ronan Engineering Corporation.
2. The frequency of radiation safety training given to personnel at the facility has been increased and the training has been expanded.

The NRC enforcement policy was explained to the licensee representatives. The meeting was then adjourned.