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Boston Edison Company M/C Nuclear
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Gentlemen:

In March of this year, the Office of Inspection and Enforcement issued IE Information Notice No. 82-05: Increasing Frequency of Drug-Related Incidents (copy enclosed as Attachment 1). The notice advised of the formation of an NRC Drug Abuse Task Force to study this problem and develop approaches to best address this problem. Several licensees were selected and interviewed by members of the Task Force in February and March 1982 to determine whether the Company had established drug and alcohol abuse and rehabilitation programs and to discuss the Company's experiences to date. The results of that initial round of interviews was published in NUREG-0903 (copy enclosed).

We are currently preparing to conduct similar interviews with the remainder of licensees in Region I and will be devoting substantial management time to this effort. Therefore, we will be contacting you shortly to arrange a mutually acceptable date and time to meet with you, appropriate members of your staff and other Company personnel. At these meetings we would like to discuss the programs you have in place and your experiences with this program. We are interested in how these programs affect company personnel as well as contractor employees.

In order for you to prepare for this meeting and to determine which personnel from your Company should participate in the meeting, enclosed, as Attachment 2, is a listing of topic areas which you should be prepared to address. We expect the meeting to last no more than 2 - 3 hours and do not believe that it will be necessary for all of your participants to attend the entire meeting. However, one of your Company's representatives should be available to participate in the entire meeting and to serve as a point of contact for us should we require additional information after the meeting. We trust that this meeting will be to our mutual benefit. Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
Richard Starostecki

Richard W. Starostecki, Director
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Enclosures:

1. IE Information Notice No. 82-05
2. List of Topic Areas
3. NUREG 0903

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Attachment 2

Listing of Topic Areas for Discussion at NRC Region I/
Licensee Meeting on Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs

1. Corporate views on the Drug and Alcohol Problem as it affects the Company.
2. Company Policy on Use and/or Possession of Drugs and/or Alcohol by Employees and Contractor Employees and Policy Dissemination to employees.
3. Company and Contractors' Drug/Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs.
4. Company and Contractors' Use of Background Investigations for Employee Screening.
5. Company and Contractors' Use of Psychological Testing for Employee Screening.
6. Company Sponsored Supervisory Training in Behavioral Observation/Job Performance Techniques.
7. Company and Contractor Detection Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT
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IE INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 82-05: INCREASING FREQUENCY OF DRUG-RELATED INCIDENTS

Description of Circumstances:

Based on data reported to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and either published or to be published in the Safeguards Summary Event List (NUREG-0525), the number of drug-related incidents in which licensee or contractor employees were arrested or terminated has increased dramatically in the past year. During the last 5 years, the increasing trend is as follows: two in 1977; none in 1978; one in 1979; five in 1980; and twelve in 1981. Thus far in 1982, Regional Preliminary Notifications dealing with at least four new drug-related incidents have been issued. The reported incidents implicate a range of licensee or contractor personnel, including personnel in construction, operations and security. The reported incidents are widespread geographically, and involve power reactor sites in each of the five NRC regions.

Reported incidents have involved both onsite use or possession of drugs and personnel reporting to work under the influence of controlled substances. Marijuana was the most frequently reported controlled substance involved in these events; however, incidents involving amphetamines, cocaine, hashish, phencyclidine and methaqualone have also been reported.

Given the alarming increase in reported drug-related incidents, the wide range of personnel implicated, and the pervasiveness of the reports on a national basis, the Office of Inspection and Enforcement (IE) has established a Drug Abuse Task Force to address the problem on a generic basis. IE has given top priority to the prompt and effective development of a generic approach to the problem of possible drug (including alcohol) abuse by licensee or contractor personnel. As such, IE solicits relevant licensee experience in this undertaking. Teams from the Task Force are presently gathering information in a series of visits to selected licensees to discuss the drug problem and possible generic approaches that would best address the problem.

The Task Force is also collaborating with other members of the NRC staff to explore several regulatory approaches to the drug problem. The information obtained from the series of utility visits will be factored into the results of the inter-office efforts.

This information notice is provided as an early notification of a potentially significant matter. It is expected that recipients will review the information for applicability to their facilities. No specific action or response is required at this time. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Regional Administrator of the appropriate NRC Regional Office.

Attachment:
Recently issued IE Information Notices

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