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Chilling Affect / Intimidation of PRB Members

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NRC Concern
Intimidation of PRB members.

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NRC Position

The presence and comments of the Project General Manager in the PRB meeting has affected the voting some of members. This was a new item identified during the 08/17/90 NRC exit.

VEGP Position

While this may be a recently identified item with the special NRC Operations Safety Team Inspection, it was previously identified to the Quality Concern Program. It's documented as part of 90V0015. The investigation consisted of interviewing the voting members of PRB meeting 90-15. During the interviews one individual did expressed some hesitancy of being "true and candid" because of Bockholds presence. This was later addressed by Bockhold to all PRB members in one of their meetings. He reinforced the commitment of their independence and said that neither he or anyone else should ever influence someone's vote...that if any of the members ever felt they were incapable of functioning freely and independently, they should be excused and assign someone else this responsibility.

As a result of renewed interest in this subject a new inquiry was made. This time members (25 of 27 were contacted, two were unavailable), both voting and non-voting, were questioned on their opinion of intimidation. Each was afforded the protection of confidentiality and briefed on the history of the allegation.

This investigation found no evidence of persuasion by presence, intimidation or coercion by the Plant Manager toward PRB members. It's believed that any evidence of this allegation pertained strictly to the issue previously identified in quality concern 90V0015.

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