

AUDITS

18.1 PURPOSE

This section establishes requirements for an auditing program to verify the implementation and to assess the effectiveness of the Boston Edison Quality Assurance Program.

18.2 PERFORMANCE OF AUDITS

18.2.1 QAD performs internal audits of all quality-related operational phase activities to which this Quality Assurance Program applies (as defined by paragraph 2.4). Activities to which the QA Program does not apply are audited to the extent necessary to assure proper quality classification. Audit frequency intervals are based on the requirements of regulations, Regulatory Guides, and ANSI Standards identified in paragraphs 2.3.2 and 2.3.4 of Section 2; audits are also done when significant changes or problems arise, and upon management request. A specific scope for each audit is prepared by the QAD before performance of the audit.

18.2.2 When suppliers perform work related to operation, maintenance, modification and refueling of PNPS, QAD may perform audits at PNPS and at the supplier's facilities to verify implementation of their quality assurance programs as determined necessary by QAD.

18.2.3 Audits required by Section 6.0 of PNPS Technical Specifications will be performed under the cognizance of the Nuclear Safety Review and Audit Committee by Quality Assurance Department personnel.

18.2.4 QAD performs audits/surveillance inspections, as necessary, to verify that corrective action resulting from identified deficiencies have been properly implemented and are effective.

18.2.5 Audits are performed by qualified personnel using checklists or marked up written procedures to effectively evaluate conformance to specified requirements. Auditors shall not have direct responsibility in the areas being audited.

18.3 REPORTING OF AUDIT FINDINGS

18.3.1 After reviewing audit findings with the cognizant manager of each organizational unit which has been audited, an audit report is prepared by QAD.

18.3.2 As a minimum, audit report shall include:

1. Description of the audit scope.

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