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Task: Allegation A-01

Reference Number: 4-83-A-48/1

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Assessment of Allegation: The implied significance of this allegation is that unqualified Mercury quality control (QC) inspectors may have performed inspections on safety-related systems, making the validity of the inspections questionable and the quality of the work indeterminant.

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Mercury inspectors had performed inspections on safety-related systems. The NRC staff believes this allegation has implied safety significance.

Potential Violations: QA inspectors may have been certified with insufficient professional qualifications due to lack of verification of previous employment. 4

Actions Required: See Item No. 1 in the Enclosure to the letter from D. Eisenhut to J. M. Cain (LP&L), June 13, 1984.

References:

1. IE Circular No. 80-22, Confirmation of Employee Qualifications
2. LP&L letter W3P83-3704, Re: Confirmation of Employee Qualifications
3. See documentation of Allegation A-02 for certification packages reviewed.
4. Regulatory Guide 1.58, Revision 1.
5. Generic Letter 81-01.
6. ANSI N45.2.6, 1978.

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