Task: Allegation A-109

Characterization: It is alleged that EBASCO Quality Assurance (QA) personnel stopped records reviewers when "wholesale" irregularities, some of which involved civil and perhaps criminal violations, were found in 70 of 1200 concrete placement packages which were reviewed.

Assessment of Allegation: In an EBASCO interoffice memorandum of June 6, 1983, it was stated that the "QAIRG-BOP" (quality assurance installation review group - balance of plant) was in the process of reviewing the civil QA concrete documentation in the QA vault when they were given oral instructions to cancel the review because EBASCO management claimed the documentation already had been reviewed by qualified reviewers under a qualified QA program. The June 6, 1983, EBASCO memorandum has as an attachment an EBASCO interoffice memorandum of December 9, 1982, which included discussion of a review of concrete placement packages during which each package was found not to provide adequate documentation.

On June 9, 1983, another EBASCO interoffice memorandum forwarded the two memorandums above, plus additional items, to the EBASCO Site QA Manager with a recommendation that the scope of the review of J. A. Jones documents be enlarged. On July 7, 1983, a meeting was held to discuss the review of concrete placement packages and to clarify the concerns expressed in the earlier memos which resulted in the recommendations.

On July 11, 1983, LP&L's project management group directed EBASCO to perform a 10 percent review of concrete placement packages, which began in August 1983. EBASCO (in a letter dated September 21, 1983) documented numerous deficiencies, which resulted in the initiation of a 100 percent review program of concrete placement packages. This effort, completed on January 30, 1984, addressed the placement packages for the common foundation basemat, reactor auxiliary building, reactor containment building; fuel handling building, and the shield ring and dome, under EBASCO Procedure QAI-9, Revision 1.

When the NRC staff completed the field work (May 25, 1984) the 70 packages a related to the allegation had not been located. On August 10, 1984 some documentation related to the QAIRG effort were located, however these records have not been reviewed by the staff as yet. This allegation will have to be addressed in the future.

Actions Required: Additional NRC staff work is required.

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