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The NRC staff also queried LP&L regarding the possibility of gravity missiles, from the failure of non-seismic instrument air piping and tubing physically degrading any safety equipment or tubing in the containment building during a SSE. In response to this question, LP&L identified a number of design criteria, procedures and controls which have been implemented, or were to be implemented, to avoid damage to safety-related equipment from potential gravity missiles inside the containment building. These included:

- 1) Structural steel inside the containment building is designed for a SSE.
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The staff requested that LP&L provide documentation of the field verification of the above controls. From the additional information provided, it appeared that the follow-on verification was performed (inside the containment and the auxiliary and fuel handling buildings); however, it was not clear to the staff what specific non-seismic equipment (including the instrument air system) was verified. The staff could not determine if the issue of the air system's physical failure was adequately considered.

Based on the information provided from the field verification (walkdown), it appeared that insufficient documentation was included in the walkdown to draw a conclusion that the physical failure of the air system was adequately considered.

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Potential Violations: None

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heat number upon proper request from the document reviewers. There is no objective evidence of EBASCO personnel being denied access to Mercury records. Although this allegation may have existed prior to and at the time of the allegation, access was not a current problem and QA records were acceptable.

5. Allegation A-98. The allegation is that Mercury Authorized Nuclear Inspectors (ANIs) were off limits to reviewers. The six EBASCO document reviewers interviewed, who were on site at the time of this allegation, agreed they had ready access to Mercury ANIs. There is no objective evidence that the reviewers were denied access to the ANIs, although this situation may have existed prior to or during the allegation. Mercury ANIs were not available on site to be interviewed by the NRC staff.
6. Allegation A-98. The allegation is that there are no procedures for review of documents. The NRC staff reviewed the following procedures and found them to be adequate for review of documents: EBASCO Procedure QAI No. 9, "Review and Handling of Construction-Installation Records," original issue dated October 31, 1979, current revision issued April 20, 1983; EBASCO Procedure QAI No. 9A, "Documentation Statusing Review Instruction," dated December 13, 1982; Tompkins-Beckwith Procedure TBP-20, "QA Records Turnover," dated February 7, 1983; and Mercury Company Procedure QPC-3010, "Quality Assurance Records Control," original issue dated September 7, 1978, current revision issued November 1, 1978.

Additionally contractors' documentation packages were reviewed by the NRC staff and generally found acceptable; see Allegations A-143, A-150, A-162, and A-163.

The NRC staff has determined that these six allegations have neither safety significance nor generic implication.

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References

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