

## LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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TITLE (4)

Self-inflicted gunshot wound to security officer due to misuse of weapon

EVENT DATE (5)			LER NUMBER (6)			REPORT DATE (7)			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8)	
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	YEAR	SEQUENTIAL NUMBER	REVISION NUMBER	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	FACILITY NAME	DOCKET NUMBER
05	17	1998	1998	-- S02	-- 00	06	12	1998	Zion Station Unit 2	05000304
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OPERATING MODE (9)	N	THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR 5: (Check one or more) (11)			
		20.2201(b)	20.2203(a)(2)(v)	50.73(a)(2)(i)	50.73(a)(2)(viii)
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		20.2203(a)(2)(iii)	50.36(c)(1)	50.73(a)(2)(v)	Specify in Abstract below or in NRC Form 366A
		20.2203(a)(2)(iv)	50.36(c)(2)	50.73(a)(2)(vii)	Voluntary Report

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## COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14)

EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE (15)

MONTH

DAY

YEAR

YES

(If yes, complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE).

X NO

## ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines) (16)

This Security Event Report does not include any safeguards material.

On May 17, 1998, a first shift security officer was conducting a continuous Owner Controlled Area patrol. This was a 24 hour a day patrol initiated to heighten awareness during Zion Station's decommissioning. At approximately 23:25 the officer reported to Security Supervision that he was wounded by an unknown subject who had fled the area. The Zion Police Department and the Fire/Rescue Department were contacted and arrived at the scene but did not locate the subject. The officer was taken to St. Therese Hospital in Waukegan by the Zion Fire/Rescue Department, treated, and released for a gunshot wound to the foot. Further questioning by the Zion Police Department revealed that the gunshot was self-inflicted and, according to the officer, accidental. The combined investigations of the Zion Police Department and the site security department have determined that the officer did not use proper care and safety practices when handling his weapon. The discharge was thus the result of a failure to adhere to established policies and procedures governing firearms safety.

Corrective actions included removing the officer from duty. He was charged with Disorderly Conduct (Felony) for filing a false police report. The event was discussed with Security Department personnel by the Security Administration and Site Business Managers and focused on reinforcing the principles of firearm care and safety practices when handling weapons. The Security Department will conduct documented periodic one on one firearm safety training with each armed officer at Zion Station. This will be conducted for a six-month period. This voluntary report is being provided to the NRC due to the significance of a security officer being wounded while on the owner controlled area.

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A. Plant Conditions Prior To Event

Block 9 of Form 366 is annotated N because Unit 1 and Unit 2 are in a permanently defueled condition with all fuel rods removed from the vessel and placed in the spent fuel pool.

B. Description Of Event

This voluntary report is being provided to the NRC due to the significance of a security officer being wounded while on the owner controlled area.

On May 17, 1998, a first shift security officer was conducting an Owner Controlled Area (OCA) patrol in one of the Security departments vehicles. This patrol assignment was a 24-hour continuous patrol initiated to heighten awareness during Commonwealth Edison's decommissioning process at Zion Station. While on patrol the officer was to conduct checks of the entire OCA fence line.

At approximately 23:25 the officer called the Gatehouse Supervisor on the radio and stated to the Gatehouse Supervisor that he saw someone lying in the grass but couldn't tell if this person was injured. The officer reported that he got out of his truck and approached the subject on foot and as he approached, the subject jumped up at the officer. The officer then stated he saw a gun in the subject's right hand. The officer stated that he and the subject struggled and the subject's gun discharged hitting the officer's left foot. The officer stated that he then fell down, drew his gun, and fired a number of rounds at the fleeing subject as he fled over the fence and out of sight.

Security Supervision determined the officer needed assistance and proceeded to send out assistance. The security backup team arrived shortly afterwards finding the officer at his truck. While the supervisors were en route to the officer's location, the Shift Manager, Zion Police Department, and the Fire/Rescue Department were notified. The officers inside the plant responded to their preplanned emergency positions waiting for further instructions from the Central Alarm Station.

The Zion Police Department and the Fire/Rescue Department arrived shortly after the backup team. The Lake County K-9 dog Unit was called in but was unable to pick up the scent of the reported individual observed in the grass. The officer was taken to St. Therese Hospital in Waukegan by the Zion Fire/Rescue Department. The officer was treated for a gunshot wound to the left foot and released from the hospital.

The NRC was informed of the event at 00:24 via ENS notification number 34253.

On May 18, 1998, at 02:00, the officer met with the detectives at the Zion Police Department. Questioning revealed that the gunshot was self-inflicted and accidental. As reported in the police report, the officer unholstered his weapon, pulled the hammer back, and was examining the weapon when it

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accidentally discharged. The officer confessed to creating the story of an armed intruder to cover up an accidental discharge of his weapon and signed a Zion Police Department Report statement to that effect dated May 19, 1998, at 03:12. The officer was charged with Disorderly Conduct (Felony) for filing a false police report. The Lake County State's Attorney's Office is reviewing the case to determine if additional charges are warranted. Detailed reports of the investigation from the Zion Police Department are on file with the Zion Site Security Administrator

On May 18, 1998, at 10:05, the NRC was informed that the officer recanted his story and admitted to a self-inflicted wound via an update to ENS notification number 34253.

On May 19, 1998, at subsequent follow up interrogations conducted by Zion Security Department, the officer in question returned to his story of an armed subject. A statement dated May 19, 1998, at 11:47, was signed by the officer reflecting this information and was provided to the Zion police department.

C. Cause Of Event

There is no evidence to support the officer's contention that he was attacked by an unknown assailant.

The combined investigations of the Zion Police Department and the site security department have determined that the officer did not use proper care and safety practices when handling his weapon. As reported in the police report the officer unholstered his weapon, pulled the hammer back, and was examining the weapon when it accidentally discharged. The discharge was thus the result of a failure to adhere to established policies and procedures governing firearms safety. These procedures prohibit unnecessary handling or manipulation of firearms.

D. Safety Analysis:

The incident happened inside the owner controlled area. No breach of security occurred inside the protected area. The safety significance of the event was minimal.



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E. Corrective Actions:

The officer was relieved from duty and placed on administrative hold.

The Zion Police Department has charged the officer with Disorderly Conduct (Felony) for filing a false police report. The Lake County State's Attorney's Office is reviewing the case to determine if additional charges are warranted.

The event was discussed with Security Department personnel by the Security Administration and Site Business Managers and focused on reinforcing the principles of firearm safety.

The Security Department will conduct documented periodic one on one firearm safety training with each armed officer at Zion Station. This will be conducted for a six-month period.

F. Previous Occurrences:

None

G. Component Failure Data:

None