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All weapons were completed on the semi-annual inspection. After the Interview there was an Oyster Creek investigation conducted and to the best of my knowledge it was found on Patrol logs, Seal change outs that the weapons were removed from post and taken to the range and the semi-annual inspection conducted. I don't know how the paperwork had so many mistakes on the dates and I don't know how ammo logs suddenly went missing. I have NEVER scrubbed the ammo logs because I was not sure when the armorer had purchased the ammo. This was all done with the Security Manager and the armorer prior to me taking over the program. I was only told that we ordered ammo. (When I had a full-time Armorer). The only thing we did not do was the parts change out; as I was advised that this was to be a "Cost Saving Initiative". This was supposed to be in the new procedure change that only happened recently. To the best of my knowledge the parts change out still hasn't happened. The COVID 19 pandemic had helped prolonged the changes. I do have witnesses that will attest that they switched weapons out on shift for the semi-annual, annual inspection. I would not put my fellow Officers in jeopardy with not completing the required semi-annual, annual inspections. I can assure you that in my 30 years of working at Oyster Creek that I did not do anything deliberate or willful.

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All weapons had an annual inspection completed on them. The paper work clearly had mistake's on dates. I do not remember the dates that I put in, but the paperwork is held electronically, and every Supervisor or staff member has access to it. This is not a secured system. Any staff member with ill intentions has the able to manipulate dates and times. I do remember starting the inspection a few days early because of annual qualifications and the range being scheduled for Lead remediation. A lot of work had to be completed before the Lead remediation was underway. I had two other armorers that also worked on these weapons with me.

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Conclusion:

I have never in my thirty-year career done anything intentionally nor have I willfully made mistakes in my position. The mistakes I may have made are just that, mistakes. When I took over the documentation during the October timeframe; this was a first-time evolution. I had an armorer that took care of all the weapons and paperwork and all I had to do was spot check his work. I went from a staff of six to a staff of two, all having extra responsibilities, doubling our workload and learning new criteria of the positions. I can guarantee I did the best I could do. I have served my country honorably and I have

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a strong work ethic and NEVER was there a time that I didn't do my job proudly. Previously, in an NRC audit there were no NRC findings so, yes, I was completely taken off guard when I was interviewed originally. With the climate of uncertainty in the transition from Exelon to Holtec; employees desperate to keep positions and knock others out of theirs. I do feel as though I am being targeted against with no recourse and no defense.


Management, Supervisors, Security Officers and Oyster Creek staff have all seen me carry or wheel weapons out of the protected area to the range (backsite) to complete the semi-annual and annual inspections. I did have lessons learned from doing these inspections, (1) Complete the paperwork the day the weapons were completed, to not mix up dates or go off memory, (2) Make sure all weapons were logged off site in the armory logs with the ammo. (3) Make sure there was always a second armorer there to verify completion. The 2020 semi-annual and annual paperwork reflects the changes.

There were some communication mistakes made with the direction from Inspector Rey; I believed Inspector Rey advised me with correcting dates on the paperwork but that's all it was, nothing was done intentionally to get over on the NRC inspection. I even relayed that to my Manager, [REDACTED] and Inspector Rey that I completed his suggestion. There were two other Management Personnel ([REDACTED] and [REDACTED]) in the room when I stated the issue was taken care of with the annual dates. That's why the investigator claimed that I did not do the annual inspection.

I will admit that I should have known better than not to cover everything with an IR; but apparently, I must have been overwhelmed at the time and not thinking clearly. Or were things changed afterwards...I truly don't know. But after 30 years of a successful career, I keep feeling that others played a part in ruining my career. With that being said, I realize with the increase of responsibilities and new company changes I should have stopped and asked for more support. I have been humiliated with being escorted off company property, and the humiliation to both myself and my family being in the paper. Again, I have never done anything to intentionally hurt the company I've worked my entire career, my co-workers nor my family.

Respectfully,

Kevin Wright

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