

Ted Wingfield notes/comments on the [REDACTED] interview (10-23-03)

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The following are my observations/questions of the [REDACTED] interview held on 10-23-03.

ASSESSMENT QUESTION	YES/NO	AMPLIFICATION (WHY, WHY NOT, ETC.)
Will raise concerns and has done so before?	YES	
Raises concerns for others?	YES	Believes that this is most likely a result of his union steward position.
Believes others raise concerns without hesitation?	YES	Says that he has seen both behaviors - people raising concerns and some not.
Knows of someone who has experienced retaliation for raising concerns?	NO	

- Page 7 through 29 - Recounts circumstances surrounding the 24BF19 (24 Steam Generator Feed Regulating Valve) failure ... "NCO ... tried to take manual control of the BF19 ... It failed to respond ... opinion of the NCO ... that the valve was mechanically bound ... supervision ... didn't want to declare that the case because that would put us in a 303 and would require a 1-hour shutdown ... we [had] a difference of opinion involving the Control Room Supervisor and the Operations Superintendent [Shift Manager] ... supervisors didn't want to commit to the valve being mechanically stuck ... [they] didn't want to commit to the valve being mechanically stuck ... they [management] chose to pursue a controls failure" ... the prevailing thought was that the valve could be operated locally, so they stationed [REDACTED] locally at the valve (it was determined later that manual operation was not possible) ... shutdown not commenced until ~1700 the next day
- Page 31 & 32 - "... were not wanting to shut the units down, we wanted to keep them up ... keep having these great long runs ... material conditions continued to fade away, continued to decline ... decisions ... to keep the units on line ... become less and less conservative"
- Page 32 through 40 - Recounts an incident during the start up following the 'hurricane-salting' shutdown ... they were coming up in power and had not opened the main steam isolation valves when they were supposed to due to a missed step or section in the start-up procedure
- Page 40 through 48 - Discusses erratic behavior of the steam dump valves during the same 'post-hurricane' start-up ... they made an emergent change to the start-up procedure to remove the restriction that the steam dumps be in automatic control ... they had to have extra reactor operators dedicated to controlling steam dumps manually (which therefore controlled temperature and pressure) during the start-up
- Page 55 - Mentions local manipulation of a Pressurizer valve by [REDACTED] ~2000/2001 ... he was grieved for it
- Page 56 through 58 - Discussion about [REDACTED] closing the U/2 Reactor Feed Pump (RFP) steam admission valve
- Page 59 & 60 - Talks about [REDACTED] using a 'rail extension bar' in an energized bus compartment when trying to get a circulating water pump breaker into the cubicle
- Page 60 through 65 - [REDACTED] actions [are] sending the wrong message to [the] other supervisors" ... Describes an incident during start-up from the refueling outage (2003) in which a supervisor [REDACTED] manipulated a pressure controller for an Instrument nitrogen system and lied about it to the equipments operators who asked ... [REDACTED] (an operations supervisor) was involved with admitting the truth to [REDACTED]
- Page 71 through 74 - Talks about his firing and reinstatement related to his random fitness for duty test (negative) on 'non-duty' hours during a meeting ... Identifies [20030110-allegor] as the person who informed him [REDACTED] remarks that he [REDACTED] should be 'made an example of'
- Page 85 & 86 - Confident that 'nuclear safety concerns' are currently being (and will continue to be) raised
- Page 86 - "... [NEOs are] not being listened to ... their input isn't utilized"
- Page 91 through 93 - Mentions that [REDACTED] came and left within 4 months ... told [REDACTED] that it was because he [REDACTED] had no autonomy to run the department ... [REDACTED] claims that [REDACTED] said that the department was run by 3 people [REDACTED]

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