

TESTIMONY OF GORMAN L. REYNOLDS
CONCERNING PRESENCE OF FOREIGN MATTER
IN CONTROL RODS

1. Q State your name and address.

A I am Gorman L. Reynolds and I live at Rt. #2, Box 69, Cseaman, Ohio.

2. Q What is your occupation?

A I have been a journeyman millwright for six years.

3. Q What was your position at the Zimmer Nuclear Power Station?

A I was millwright general foreman from October, 1978 to February, 1979.

4. Q Describe what you and your crew did to the control rods.

A We were required to clean metal shavings from the control rod blades. We first took old cloths wrapped with a heavy gray tape and beat the sides of the blades to remove these shavings. We then ran a magnet along them followed by a machine shop vacuum cleaner and finally wiped them down with an acetone solution.

5. Q What else did you do?

A In February, R.C.I. required my crew to do grinding on all the control rods (at the bottom of the blades) to remove an over-sized weld.

6. Q What did you observe?

A Small metal fragments from the grinding went into the control rod blades by way of small holes running the length of them.

7. Q Did you inform anyone?

A Yes.

8. Q What were you told to do?

A When I informed R.C.I. engineers of this I was told that these fragments could clog the rods and to wipe them down with an acetone solution.

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9. Q Was this the proper procedure?

A No. I told my supervisors that wiping with acetone alone did not get the shavings out. (The proper procedure for removing shavings was the procedure we initially used to remove those left by the manufacturer.)

10. Q Did the rods pass inspection anyway?

A Yes, the rods were inspected and passed anyway.

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CINCINNATI GAS AND ELECTRIC)	
Company, et al.)	Docket No. 50-358
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(Wm. H. Zimmer Nuclear Power)	
Station, Unit No. 1))	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the attached motions and testimony were served upon the parties to this action by regular U.S. Mail this eighth day of June, 1979.

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