

ATTACHMENT B

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)	
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TEXAS UTILITIES GENERATING)	Docket Nos. 50-445 and
COMPANY, <u>et al.</u>)	50-446
)	
(Comanche Peak Steam Electric)	(Application for
Station, Units 1 and 2))	Operating Licenses)

AFFIDAVIT OF ANTONIO VEGA
REGARDING CONCERNS OF
LESTER SMITH

My name is Antonio Vega. I am employed by Texas Utilities Generating Company as Supervisor, Quality Assurance Services. My business address is 2001 Bryan Tower, Dallas, Texas. I was previously sworn and gave testimony in this proceeding (Tr. 506, 531, 1419).

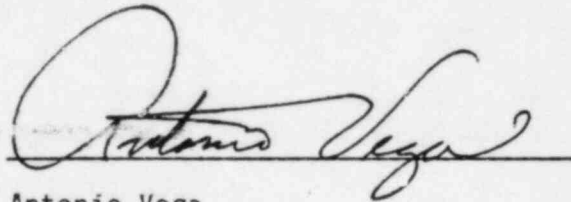
On February 1, 2, and 3, 1983, I conducted an investigation into the allegation made by Lester Smith in his affidavit dated January 23, 1983, that the Weld Data Card for Field Weld 1 (FW1) on Line Number MS-2-RB-19 had been lost and that a new card was made up, but it did not show two repairs that had been done on the weld. Following my interview of Mr. Smith and with this information in hand, I examined the entire history of the weld. I reviewed the new Weld Data Card, (WDC) serial number 682415, which references Non Conformance Report (NCR) number M-3425. The original issue of NCR M-3425 is dated 4/16/82. The NCR states that the WDC package supporting the activities

related to the FW-1, Line MS-2-RB-19 has been lost. The NCR references the issuance of a Component Modification Card (CMC) to replace the weld. Prior to replacing the weld, Welding Engineering revised the NCR. Revision 1 dated 6/7/82 has an attached disposition sheet which states that the weld history for FW1, Line MS-2-RB-19 has been obtained from related documents which provide the information necessary to satisfy the documentation requirements of the ASME Code. These documents include three Requests for RT (Radiographic Testing) for the initial weld and the first and second repairs, the RT Reports for the initial weld and the first and second repairs and the Welder Certification Update Logs. These documents provide the welder identification, the welding procedure, the filler material type, date of issuance, and heat numbers of the filler material used.

The disposition sheet attached to Revision 1 of the NCR also states that acceptability of the fitup operation is verifiable from available RT film.

Based on the above, the attached disposition sheet states that Welding Engineering should prepare a new WDC and Weld Filler Material Log and enter the information referenced above. It requires that a copy of the records from which this information was obtained be attached to the WDC with a copy of the NCR. It requires that final Non Destructive Examination be performed and documented. The attachment is signed by the Senior Project Welding Engineer.

A person looking at the new WDC would not see the two repairs listed. They would see a reference to NCR No. M-3425 which would provide the entire weld history supporting the information entered on the Weld Filler Material Log. The weld in question has been accepted by the proper Engineering authority as being in compliance with applicable ASME Code requirements. For the above reasons, I concluded that no further action was necessary.



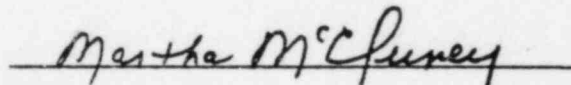
Antonio Vega

County of Dallas)

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State of Texas)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of February, 1983



Notary Public

MARTHA McCLUREY, Notary Public
In and for Texas
My Commission expires 12/31/84

Nuclear plant work is criticized again

By ERIC HARRISON
Star-Telegram Writer

Charges of shoddy construction at the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant were made Thursday by a former supervisor who was fired in December after he complained of mismanagement, procedural violations and graft to Texas Utilities Generating Co. officials.

Robert L. Messerly, who was fired by TUGCO on Dec. 7, said Thursday that a company that supplied the plant with drilling equipment gave gifts to employees in return for business. Messerly said the company provided him with expense money, Super Bowl tickets and lodging in 1979 after he suggested the company's products be used at the plant.

An official at TUGCO, one of three Texas Utilities sister companies that own the plant, discounted the latest charges.

Although no sure evidence of gift-giving was found in an investigation late last year, Antonio Vega, TUGCO's quality assurance supervisor, said he recommended that Drillco, a Florida supplier, be warned that such activity would not be tolerated. Vega said he did not know if the warning had been issued.

Vega said he investigated allegations that a representative of Drillco had given two motorcycles and possibly a television to a former plant superintendent. Allegations also had been made that reusable drilling equipment had been discarded so that new purchases could be made.

Vega said Messerly told him that Drillco had given him and his wife an expenses-paid trip to Miami in 1979 to attend the Super Bowl. Messerly said the offer of the trip came after he innocently had suggested that Drillco products be used at the plant.

The superintendent had been fired for performance reasons

Messerly's firing was not connected to the allegations. Messerly said he was fired for leaving the work area early about a week after he talked to Vega.

The former supervisor made his allegations in sworn affidavits that have been sent to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Messerly elaborated on the charges in a news conference Thursday.

His major charge is that "mismanagement" and haste have resulted in poor construction practices that have increased the cost of the plant and possibly created safety hazards.

"They're out there for one thing," Messerly said of officials overseeing construction. "For three years out there the word was production. They don't give a damn how you get it — just get it."

Messerly said he personally engaged in drilling practices that weakened steel-reinforced concrete retaining walls at the plant. Vega said, however, that in an interview last November, Messerly denied that the practice took place.

Special authorization must be given before holes are drilled through the metal reinforcements, but Messerly said Thursday that hundreds of such holes were drilled over the years without authorization. He said he personally was involved in drilling "dozens" of them and had a hand in ordering the required special drilling equipment.

He said he is willing to turn over to the NRC documentation he kept in diary form of what percentage of reinforcements were cut and when and where it was done. Messerly said he was forced to cut through the steel reinforcements because "my job was on the line."

"I was told to do it or go out the gate," he said in his affidavit.

The same allegation was

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "Applicants' Answer To CASE Motion (And Supplement) For Protective Orders," in the above-captioned matter, were served upon the following persons by deposit in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, this 8th day of February 1983:

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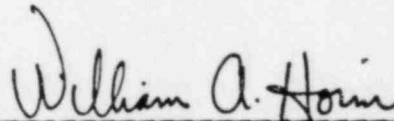
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