

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)	
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DUKE POWER COMPANY, <u>et al.</u>)	Docket Nos. 50-413
)	50-414
(Catawba Nuclear Station,)	
Units 1 and 2))	

TESTIMONY OF ROBERT A. MORGAN CONCERNING MR. LANGLEY'S
ALLEGATION OF PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF NRC INSPECTIONS

- 1 Q. STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.
- 2 A. My name is Robert A. Morgan and my business address is Catawba
- 3 Nuclear Station, P. O. Box 223, Clover, South Carolina, 29710.
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- 5 Q. STATE YOUR PRESENT JOB POSITION WITH DUKE POWER
- 6 COMPANY AND DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF YOUR JOB.
- 7 A. I am presently Senior Quality Assurance Engineer at the Catawba
- 8 Nuclear Station. A complete description of my job, as well as my
- 9 professional experience and qualifications, is set forth in my
- 10 previously filed testimony.
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- 12 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH MR. LANGLEY'S ALLEGATION THAT THE
- 13 COMPANY WAS AWARE OF WHEN THE NRC WAS COMING TO THE
- 14 SITE FOR INSPECTIONS?
- 15 A. Yes, I was present when Mr. Langley testified about this allegation
- 16 in Rock Hill, South Carolina and I have also reviewed the transcript
- 17 of his testimony.

1 Q. TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE, IS THERE ANY BASIS FOR
2 THIS ALLEGATION?

3 A. No. I have been on the project since 1976 and have never had any
4 prenotification of an NRC inspection. I am, and have been, the
5 primary NRC contact for the project QA organization. The
6 majority of the NRC inspections are unannounced, and to the best
7 of my knowledge, the company is not aware of the timing of
8 these visits. The NRC inspectors simply appear at the site when
9 they are ready to begin an inspection. We have been asked by the
10 NRC Regional Office to advise them of our schedule on certain
11 activities. These activities are events that will occur only
12 once per project, like reactor vessel setting, and concrete
13 pours on the reactor dome. In these instances, we expected
14 an NRC inspection during these activities. Since a resident
15 has been assigned to the Catawba project we have not had to
16 advise the NRC regional office of these type events.

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18 Q. DID NRC EVER SPECIFY WHAT THEY WANTED TO INSPECT?

19 A. Yes. Upon arrival at the site it is normal practice for the
20 visiting Region II inspector to advise the project management
21 of the major areas which he plans to examine during his
22 inspection. For example, if the visiting inspector told
23 management in the preinspection conference that he planned to
24 look at containment erection and welding, we advised supervision
25 in the affected area that a visiting inspector from NRC was on
26 site. We advised supervision in the area so that we could have
27 Construction and QA Technical Support personnel available

- 1 to answer procedural and code questions, QC inspection
- 2 supervision available to answer inspection questions, and Craft
- 3 supervision available to answer erection and welding questions.