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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD



In the Matter of)

DUKE POWER COMPANY, et al.)

(Catawba Nuclear Station,)
Units 1 and 2))

Docket Nos. 50-413
50-414

TESTIMONY OF BILLY WAYNE DEATON

1 Q. STATE YOUR NAME AND YOUR WORK ADDRESS.

2 A. Billy Wayne Deaton, Catawba Nuclear Project, P.O. Box 223,
3 Clover, SC 29710.

4 Q. WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT JOB WITH DUKE POWER COMPANY?

5 A. I am a Supervising Technician in Welding Inspection. I am the
6 supervisor of inspectors on elevations 522, 543, 560, and 577 of the
7 Auxiliary Building.

8 Q. SUMMARIZE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS, INCLUDING
9 OTHER NON-DUKE JOBS, EDUCATION, CERTIFICATIONS, AND
10 COMPANY SPONSORED COURSES AND TRAINING.

11 A. I have worked in welding, fitting, rigging, and maintenance for
12 several companies, including Industrial Textile Piping, McLeod
13 Trucking and Rigging and Florida Steel. While employed at Duke, I
14 have attended the Supervisor Development Program, the New
15 Foreman Training Program, Stress Management Training, and OSHA
16 Awareness Training. I have worked for Duke Power at Catawba for
17 about 7 years (6 as an inspector).

18 Q. WHAT OTHER JOB POSITIONS HAVE YOU HELD WITH DUKE POWER
19 COMPANY?

20 A. I was a welder before becoming an inspector.

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1 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH WHAT IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS
2 THE WELDING INSPECTOR CONCERNS WHICH WERE EXPRESSED IN
3 LATE 1981/EARLY 1982?
4 A. Yes.
5 Q. WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THESE CONCERNS
6 WERE?
7 A. I do not think that I can answer that question because these
8 concerns were individual concerns that different inspectors had.
9 Q. DID YOU EXPRESS ANY CONCERNS TO ANY OF THE TASK
10 FORCES OR TO DUKE POWER MANAGEMENT?
11 A. Yes.
12 Q. TO WHOM DID YOU EXPRESS YOUR CONCERNS?
13 A. I do not remember, but I think it was the Non-Technical Task
14 Force.
15 Q. WERE YOUR CONCERNS WRITTEN?
16 A. Yes.
17 Q. DESCRIBE EACH DOCUMENT WHICH CONTAINS YOUR EXPRESSION
18 OF CONCERNS, AND INDICATE WHO IT WAS SUBMITTED TO.
19 A. My concerns are included in a handwritten statement which is
20 attached to my Testimony as Attachment A. I submitted this
21 statement to the Task Force.
22 Q. DID YOU FEEL FREE TO EXPRESS ALL OF YOUR CONCERNS?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. DID YOU EXPRESS ALL OF YOUR CONCERNS?
25 A. Yes.

1 Q. DOES THE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED TO YOUR TESTIMONY AS
2 ATTACHMENT A REFLECT YOUR WRITTEN CONCERNS?

3 A. Yes, the attached document which was submitted to the Task Force
4 reflects my concerns.

5 Q. ARE ALL OF YOUR CONCERNS INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE AND EXPLAIN WHAT YOU WERE TRYING TO
8 COMMUNICATE BY YOUR CONCERNS.

9 A. That the resolution of problems raised on NCIs were not
10 completely communicated to inspectors. In other words, while
11 resolution addressed the safety concerns, there was a failure to
12 communicate completely how our concerns regarding NCIs were
13 handled. They needed to establish better communications among the
14 different groups in QA.

15 Q. WERE YOUR CONCERNS INVESTIGATED BY THE TASK FORCES?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. DID YOU ATTEND ANY MEETINGS WITH TASK FORCE AND/OR QA
18 MANAGEMENT MEMBERS WHERE THE TASK FORCE FINDINGS,
19 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WERE DISCUSSED?

20 A. I don't remember.

21 Q. WERE THERE ANY CHANGES MADE IN THE QA PROGRAM AFTER
22 THE WELDING INSPECTOR CONCERNS AND THE TASK FORCE
23 INVESTIGATION OF THESE CONCERNS?

24 A. Yes, my concerns have been resolved by improved communications
25 within QA.

1 Q. DESCRIBE THE CHANGES OF WHICH YOU ARE AWARE IN THE QA
2 PROGRAM.

3 A. I believe we now have better communication in the QA Department.

4 Q. THE WELDING INSPECTOR CONCERNS HAVE BEEN
5 CHARACTERIZED AS CONCERNS ABOUT THE QUALITY AND
6 SAFETY OF CONSTRUCTION AT CATAWBA. DO YOU AGREE OR
7 DISAGREE WITH THAT CHARACTERIZATION?

8 A. I can only answer for my concerns. In my view the Catawba plant
9 is safe. I feel like we had a problem in communications among the
10 different groups in QA and Construction.

11 Q. DID THE EXPRESSION OF YOUR CONCERNS INDICATE YOUR
12 BELIEF THAT THERE WAS A BREAKDOWN IN THE QA PROGRAM
13 OR INDICATE THAT THE QA PROGRAM WAS NO LONGER
14 WORKING?

15 A. I felt that there was a need for more and better communications. I
16 don't think there was ever a time when the QA Program was not
17 working. I expressed concerns to help make the program work
18 better.

19 Q. DID YOUR CONCERNS REFLECT A BELIEF ON YOUR PART THAT
20 THE CATAWBA PROJECT IS NOT BEING CONSTRUCTED SAFELY?

21 A. No.

22 Q. IN YOUR VIEW, HAS THE QA PROGRAM BEEN EFFECTIVE WHILE
23 YOU HAVE WORKED AS AN INSPECTOR AT CATAWBA?

24 A. Yes.

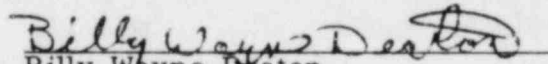
25 Q. ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY DEFICIENCIES IN CONSTRUCTION OR IN
26 THE QA PROGRAM WHICH WOULD CAUSE YOU TO QUESTION
27 WHETHER CATAWBA IS SAFELY BUILT?

28 A. No.

1 Q. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO YOUR
2 TESTIMONY?

3 A. The Catawba Project is of sound construction and safely built.
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7 I hereby certify that I have read and understand this document, and
8 believe it to be my true, accurate and complete testimony.
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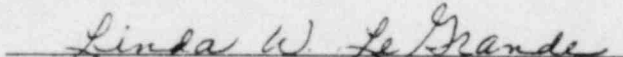
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15 Sworn to and subscribed before me
16 this 20th day of September, 1983.
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22 Commission Expires March 7, 1993

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A I Feel there is A Lack of interest or support From the QA Tech. group on NCIs. The Evaluation, Justification, Action and Inspection Requirements do NOT Answer the problem as stated on some NCIs but these NCIs get QA Approval.

B My concern is it my responsibility to question these resolutions or to accept them with out regard to the answer.

As to support from supervision it is there just to make decisions on problems. I may not fully understand the decision but accept it as his experience is much greater than mine. And I do have the chance to express myself if I disagree.

C I do feel like the major issue is communication in all levels of QA and QC. A lot of problems are not properly addressed or answered. I feel like more staff meetings on all levels would greatly reduce this problem.

B. Deaton

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