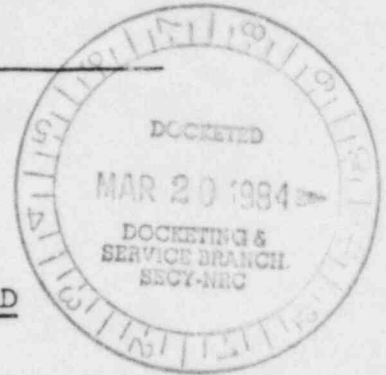


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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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

TESTIMONY OF WALTER L. SIFFORD

- Q. State your name and your work address.
- A. My name is Walter L. Sifford. My work address is Catawba Nuclear Station, P. O. Box 223, Clover, South Carolina, 29710.
- Q. What is your present job with Duke Power Company?
- A. I am currently a Welding Inspector Supervisor at the Catawba Nuclear Station.
- Q. Summarize your experience and qualifications.
- A. I have been in jobs associated with welding from 1957 until present. During this time, I have completed numerous training courses in areas related to welding, including union apprenticeship training (ironwork), safety, welding and quality assurance. From 1957 to 1972, I worked in welding at several different construction companies, including American Bridge, Bethlehem Steel, and Stone and Webster. I held welding certifications from many of these

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companies. In 1972, I started working at Duke Power Company's McGuire Nuclear Station. Shortly after starting work, I began training in welding quality assurance and in late 1972 transferred at McGuire to what was to become the Quality Assurance Department. While in the Quality Assurance Department at McGuire, I worked as a welding inspector until approximately 1976 when I was promoted to the position of welding inspector supervisor. In June, 1983, I transferred to the Catawba Project as a quality assurance welding inspector supervisor.

Q. Are you familiar with what is commonly referred to as the welding inspector concerns which were expressed in late 1981/1982?

A. I am somewhat aware of the general nature of these concerns. However, in that I was not at Catawba during this time, I was not involved with the concerns raised or their resolution. I was transferred to Catawba in June 1983.

Q. In your view, has the QA program been effective while you have worked as an inspector at Catawba?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you aware of any deficiencies in construction or in the QA program which would cause you to question whether Catawba is safely built?

A. No.

Q. Is there anything else you would like to add to your testimony?

A. In my opinion, the quality of welding work on the Catawba project is superior and reflects the high standards set by Duke Power Company on this project.

I hereby certify that I have read and understand this document, and believe it to be my true, accurate and complete testimony.

Walter L. Sifford
Walter L. Sifford

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 2nd day of December, 1983.

Sherrill D. Williams
Notary Public

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