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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.

TESTIMONY OF KENNETH W. KARRIKER

- 1 Q. STATE YOUR NAME AND YOUR WORK ADDRESS.
- 2 A. Kenneth W. Karriker, Catawba Nuclear Station, P.O. Box 223,
- 3 Clover, SC 29710.
- 4 Q. WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT JOB WITH DUKE POWER COMPANY?
- 5 A. Welding Inspector, and NDE Welding Inspector
- 6 Q. SUMMARIZE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS, INCLUDING
- 7 OTHER NON-DUKE JOBS, EDUCATION, CERTIFICATIONS, AND
- 8 COMPANY SPONSORED COURSES AND TRAINING.
- 9 A. Welder - Fabricator, Gaston County Dye from 1975 - 1977.
- 10 GED Catawba Valley Tech. Welding Inspector A at McGuire from
- 11 1977-1980, and from 1980 to present, Welding Inspector A at
- 12 Catawba.
- 13 Q. WHAT OTHER JOB POSITIONS HAVE YOU HELD WITH DUKE POWER
- 14 COMPANY?
- 15 A. NDE magnetic particle testing and liquid penetrant testing
- 16 inspector.

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. That there was a lack of communication between QA inspectors and
8 upper management, and we were at times being overruled by
9 differing interpretations and investigations of upper supervision
10 without being told why.
11 Q. DID YOU EXPRESS ANY CONCERNS AS A WELDING INSPECTOR TO
12 ANY OF THE TASK FORCES OR TO DUKE POWER MANAGEMENT?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. TO WHOM DID YOU EXPRESS YOUR CONCERNS?
15 A. I expressed my concerns to Bob Morgan.
16 Q. WERE YOUR CONCERNS WRITTEN?
17 A. Yes.
18 Q. DESCRIBE EACH DOCUMENT WHICH CONTAINS YOUR EXPRESSION
19 OF CONCERNS, AND INDICATE WHO IT WAS SUBMITTED TO.
20 A. I filed an Employee Recourse. I started at the bottom of the ladder
21 and proceeded to take it all the way to Bill Lee.
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.
26 Q. DOES THE DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO YOUR TESTIMONY AS
27 ATTACHMENT A REFLECT YOUR WRITTEN CONCERNS?

1 A. Yes.

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

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE AND EXPLAIN WHAT YOU WERE TRYING TO
5 COMMUNICATE BY YOUR CONCERNS.

6 A. At the time I submitted my concerns, I was trying to show upper
7 management that as a Welding Inspector I cared about my job and
8 the safety of others. After talking with everyone concerned, I was
9 convinced that it was a misunderstanding on the interpretation of
10 the procedures on my part and theirs. We have since resolved
11 these misunderstandings by proper training in procedures and their
12 interpretation.

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

14 A. Yes.

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

18 A. Yes. I cannot remember details.

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

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. DESCRIBE THE CHANGES OF WHICH YOU ARE AWARE IN THE QA
24 PROGRAM.

25 A. There is now more training in the procedures, and procedures are
26 revised and up to date. There is better understanding by QA
27 Management and great improvement in communications within QA.

1 Q. TO WHAT EXTENT HAVE THESE CHANGES ADDRESSED ISSUES
2 RAISED BY THE WELDING INSPECTOR CONCERNS AND TO WHAT
3 EXTENT HAVE THESE CHANGES ADDRESSED YOUR PARTICULAR
4 CONCERNS?

5 A. I am satisfied with the quality and safety of the plant. There's a
6 better working relationship among employees. All of my concerns
7 have all been corrected.

8 Q. THE WELDING INSPECTOR CONCERNS HAVE BEEN
9 CHARACTERIZED AS CONCERNS ABOUT THE QUALITY AND
10 SAFETY OF CONSTRUCTION AT CATAWBA. DO YOU AGREE OR
11 DISAGREE WITH THAT CHARACTERIZATION?

12 A. I disagree. The quality of this plant is superior to any other plant
13 that I know of and the safety precautions are beyond reproach.

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

18 A. While problems did not compromise safety, there were some
19 communication problems in QA. It seemed as though upper
20 supervision would not always listen to our concerns on issues.

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

23 A. No.

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

26 A. Yes.

1 Q. ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY DEFICIENCIES IN CONSTRUCTION OR IN
2 THE QA PROGRAM WHICH WOULD CAUSE YOU TO QUESTION
3 WHETHER CATAWBA IS SAFELY BUILT? IF SO, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

4 A. No.

5 Q. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO YOUR
6 TESTIMONY?

7 A. No.

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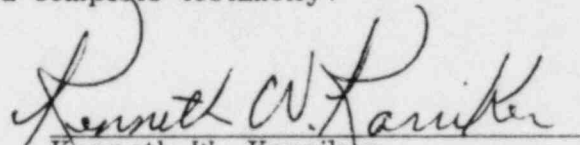
11 I hereby certify that I have read and understand this document, and
12 believe it to be my true, accurate and complete testimony.

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Kenneth W. Karriker

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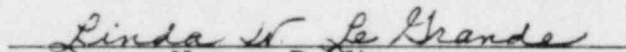
19 Sworn to and subscribed before me
20 this 20th day of September, 1983.

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Notary Public

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26 Commission Expires March 7, 1993

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Morgan
FROM: Kenneth W. Karriker
DATE: January 14, 1982
SUBJECT: EMPLOYEE RECOURSE

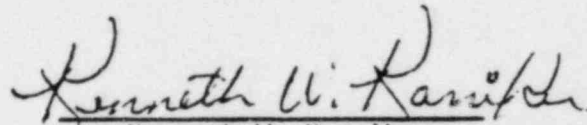
This letter is to inform you and Duke Power that I wish to pursue the Employee Recourse Procedure.

My major concern is the lack of support that we, as Q.C. Welding Inspectors, have been experiencing and also wish to let upper management know of the attempted cover-up of many items that Larry Davidson and others do not want brought to light.

On 1/11/82 Larry Davidson held a meeting with all welding inspectors. He said that the purpose of this meeting was to get to the bottom of the problems we were having but I sincerely believe the real reason was to find out some of the things that we have directly point to Larry Davidson, not supporting us and not handling important items of interest in a Company Policy manner. My point is that Larry Davidson is attempting to build a personal defense for many things that he knows he handled wrong and that knows will not make him shine in a favorable light.

Mr. Wells made the statement as did Larry Davidson that we should forget what has happened in the past and go on from now. My question is, does Duke Power Company wish to let known violations of procedures and policies go uncorrected.

I do not wish to talk to Mr. Davidson as I believe him to be the root of our problems we as Q.C. Welding Inspectors have. I sincerely hope that Duke Power Company will give these matters their utmost attention.



Kenneth W. Karriker
Q.C. Welding Inspector

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Docket No. 50-413

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Applicant ✓ IDENTIFIED ✓
 Intervenor SCREENED ✓
 Coal or Oil REJECTED
 Contractor
 Other

DATE 12/1/83
 WITNESSES

Reporter Mary Simons