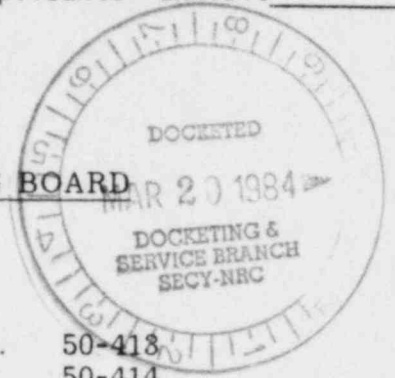


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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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. 50-418
50-414

TESTIMONY OF LARRY MAULDIN

- 1 Q. STATE YOUR NAME AND YOUR WORK ADDRESS.
- 2 A. Larry Mauldin, Duke Power Company, Catawba Nuclear Station,
- 3 P.O. Box 223, Clover, SC 29710.
- 4 Q. WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT JOB WITH DUKE POWER COMPANY?
- 5 A. I am a U.T. 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. I had no job related experience or qualifications until I came with
- 10 Duke. I took the GED test at Gaston College for my high school
- 11 diploma and have had no other courses or training, except for
- 12 departmental policies. I am certified in Magnetic Testing (MT),
- 13 Penetrant Testing (PT), Ultrasonic Testing (UT).
- 14 Q. WHAT OTHER JOB POSITIONS HAVE YOU HELD WITH DUKE POWER
- 15 COMPANY?
- 16 A. On August 1, 1978, I hired on with the utility crew at Catawba.
- 17 Then on March 5, 1979, I was transferred into the NDE
- 18 Department. I started as a learner but was promoted to General
- 19 Clerk B on June 25, 1979. On January 21, 1980, I was promoted to
- 20 a General Clerk A until February 4, 1980 when I was certified as

1 an Inspector B. I stayed in this position until February 2, 1982
2 and was promoted to my present position as an Inspector A.

3 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH WHAT IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS
4 THE WELDING INSPECTOR CONCERNS WHICH WERE EXPRESSED IN
5 LATE 1981/EARLY 1982?

6 A. I am not familiar with these concerns.

7 Q. WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THESE CONCERNS
8 WERE?

9 A. I do not know these concerns.

10 Q. DID YOU EXPRESS ANY CONCERNS AS A WELDING INSPECTOR TO
11 ANY OF THE TASK FORCES OR TO DUKE POWER MANAGEMENT?

12 A. No, I haven't discussed these concerns with a Task Force.

13 Q. TO WHOM DID YOU EXPRESS YOUR CONCERNS?

14 A. I was interviewed by a Task Force about 2 years ago but don't
15 know which one. The interviewer was from River Bend Steam
16 Station. I don't recall his name, but this wasn't about the Welding
17 Inspector concerns.

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

21 A. The only meeting with a Task Force that I had was about my job
22 and how I think that I performed it.

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

26 A. The only change I noticed was a change in supervisors.

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

5 A. I am not familiar enough with the concerns to characterize them.
6 In my job as a UT inspector, I inspect welds after the visual
7 inspection has been performed. In my opinion the quality and
8 safety of construction at Catawba were not affected by these
9 concerns. The quality of the work that was approved by
10 inspectors has not been affected by the concerns.

11 Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS A BREAKDOWN IN THE QA
12 PROGRAM OR THAT THE QA PROGRAM WAS NO LONGER WORKING
13 AT THE TIME THESE CONCERNS WERE EXPRESSED?

14 A. I don't think that there was a breakdown in the QA Program, then
15 or now.

16 Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE CATAWBA PROJECT IS NOT BEING
17 CONSTRUCTED SAFELY?

18 A. Yes, in my opinion, Catawba was and is being constructed safely.

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

21 A. Yes, very much so.

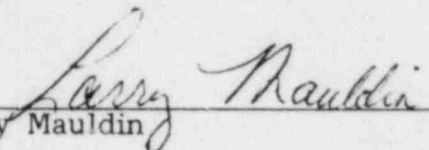
22 Q. ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY DEFICIENCIES IN CONSTRUCTION OR IN
23 THE QA PROGRAM WHICH WOULD CAUSE YOU TO QUESTION
24 WHETHER CATAWBA IS SAFELY BUILT? IF SO, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

25 A. No.

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

3 A. No.
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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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Larry Mauldin

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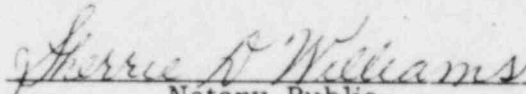
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15 Sworn to and subscribed before me
16 this 13th day of September, 1983.
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