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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 WILLIAM LARRY TROUT

- 1 Q. STATE YOUR NAME AND YOUR WORK ADDRESS.
- 2 A. Larry Trout, Catawba Project QA, P.O. Box 223, Clover, SC
3 29710.
- 4 Q. WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT JOB WITH DUKE POWER COMPANY?
- 5 A. I have been a Welding Inspector since 1978.
- 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 am a high school graduate with two years of college. I have
10 worked on construction for 21 years, and welded mostly for 15
11 years. I was with Daniel Construction Company from 1962 to 1977.
12 I have attended courses for welding inspection, RT safety, MT
13 inspection, PT inspection and the HP Safety course. I have been
14 working for Duke since 1977. During this time, I worked at the
15 Cherokee station from 1977 until September 1981, when I
16 transferred to Catawba.
- 17 Q. WHAT OTHER JOB POSITIONS HAVE YOU HELD WITH DUKE POWER
18 COMPANY?
- 19 A. I was a welder before I became an inspector in 1978.

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. Although I did not come to Catawba until late 1981, I am generally
5 aware of these concerns.
6 Q. WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THESE CONCERNS
7 WERE?
8 A. Although I had no concerns, it was my understanding that others
9 were concerned about disagreements between welding inspectors and
10 higher supervision, higher than their immediate supervisor.
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. None.
14 Q. DID YOU FEEL FREE TO EXPRESS YOUR CONCERNS?
15 A. Yes.
16 Q. DID YOU ATTEND ANY MEETINGS WITH TASK FORCE AND/OR QA
17 MANAGEMENT MEMBERS WHERE THE TASK FORCE FINDINGS,
18 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WERE DISCUSSED?
19 A. Yes. We were told if you had concerns that hadn't been answered
20 bring them forth.
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.
25 Q. DESCRIBE THE CHANGES OF WHICH YOU ARE AWARE IN THE QA
26 PROGRAM.
27 A. While I can't remember all the changes, changes were made in
28 management which resulted in better communications.

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. Most of the concerns were before I was at Catawba.
6 Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS A BREAKDOWN IN THE QA
7 PROGRAM OR THAT THE QA PROGRAM WAS NO LONGER
8 WORKING?
9 A. I think it has always worked effectively.
10 Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THE CATAWBA PROJECT IS BEING
11 CONSTRUCTED SAFELY?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. IN YOUR VIEW, HAS THE QA PROGRAM BEEN EFFECTIVE WHILE
14 YOU HAVE WORKED AS AN INSPECTOR AT CATAWBA?
15 A. Yes.
16 Q. ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY DEFICIENCIES IN CONSTRUCTION OR IN
17 THE QA PROGRAM WHICH WOULD CAUSE YOU TO QUESTION
18 WHETHER CATAWBA IS SAFELY BUILT?
19 A. None.
20 Q. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO YOUR
21 TESTIMONY?
22 A. No.
23 Q. DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT THE
24 FUNCTIONING OF THE QA PROGRAM THAT HAVE NOT BEEN
25 RESOLVED?
26 A. None.

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

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William Larry Trout
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9 Sworn to and subscribed before me
10 this 20th day of September, 1983.

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Linda W. Le Grande
Notary Public

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