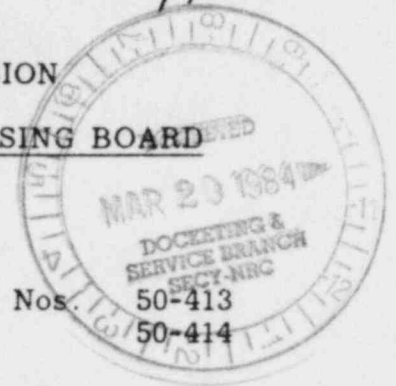


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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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 D. L. FREEZE CONCERNING MR. LANGLEY'S  
ALLEGATION OF PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF NRC INSPECTIONS

1 Q. STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

2 A. My name is Dwight Lane Freeze and my business address is Duke  
3 Power Company, Station Support Division South, Post Office Box  
4 219, Seneca, South Carolina 29678.

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6 Q. STATE YOUR PRESENT JOB POSITION WITH DUKE POWER  
7 COMPANY AND DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF YOUR JOB.

8 A. I am the Station Support Division Manager, responsible for  
9 construction of modifications and major capital additions to Oconee  
10 Nuclear Station, Lee Steam Station and six hydroelectric stations.  
11 My responsibilities also include providing maintenance support to  
12 these same operating stations.

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14 Q. DESCRIBE YOUR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND  
15 QUALIFICATIONS, INCLUDING YOUR PRIOR POSITIONS WITH  
16 DUKE POWER.

17 A. I am a registered Professional Engineer in both North Carolina and  
18 South Carolina. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil

1       Engineering, from North Carolina State University in 1967. I  
2       started working for Duke Power Company in 1967 as an Assistant  
3       Field Engineer at the Oconee Nuclear Station. I was responsible for  
4       assisting in preparation of schedules, providing technical assistance  
5       to the craft organization and various office engineering functions.

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7       In 1968, I was promoted to Field Engineer - Office, with  
8       responsibility for office functions, scheduling, status information  
9       and material delivery schedules at Oconee. In 1971, I was promoted  
10      to Field Engineer - Civil, with responsibility for technical support  
11      for all structural concrete and structural steel work at Oconee. In  
12      addition, quality control inspection of structural work was part of  
13      my responsibility. Later in 1971, I was promoted to Principal Field  
14      Engineer with responsibility for technical support, scheduling,  
15      budgeting and inspection of all civil, mechanical and electrical  
16      installations for the construction of Oconee. With the completion of  
17      Oconee, I was transferred to the Catawba Nuclear Station in 1974.  
18      I was assigned as Project Engineer with responsibility for technical  
19      support, scheduling, budgeting and inspection of all civil,  
20      mechanical and electrical installations at Catawba. I remained in  
21      that position until February, 1981, when I was assigned as  
22      Manager, Construction Services of the Construction Department.  
23      With this assignment, I was transferred from the Catawba site to  
24      the Charlotte office. I held that position until February, 1982,  
25      when I was transferred to the Oconee Station Support Division,  
26      later renamed Station Support Division South.

1 I have attended schools involving welding and welding inspection,  
2 including a one week course at the University of Tennessee dealing  
3 with the technical aspects of welding and a one week course at Ohio  
4 State University dealing with Quality Assurance requirements.  
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6 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH MR. LANGLEY'S ALLEGATION THAT THE  
7 COMPANY WAS AWARE OF WHEN THE NRC WAS COMING FOR SITE  
8 INSPECTIONS?

9 A. I have read the portions of Mr. Langley's testimony dealing with his  
10 allegation that the company knew in advance that the NRC was  
11 coming for inspections.  
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13 Q. TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE, IS THERE ANY BASIS FOR  
14 THIS ALLEGATION?

15 A. I know of no basis for Mr. Langley's allegation that advance notice  
16 was received for routine NRC inspections. The NRC inspectors  
17 operated under a program of routine, unannounced inspections  
18 except for special inspections. For special inspections, we actually  
19 notified the NRC of approximate dates for special events, such as  
20 particular concrete placements, major equipment handling (reactor,  
21 steam generators, etc.). The NRC then may or may not have come  
22 to inspect the particular activities. At no time did I ever receive  
23 advance notification of a routine inspection. As Project Engineer  
24 reporting directly to the Project Manager, if such advance  
25 notifications had been given, I would have been in a position to  
26 know about them. The primary contact with the NRC was the  
27 Project Manager. However, as Project Engineer working directly

1       for the Project Manager, I would assist the NRC inspectors by  
2       getting the information they needed during their inspections. I was  
3       available to answer questions, direct them to the proper persons for  
4       information and accompany them to look at areas of construction.

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6   Q.   DID NRC EVER SPECIFY WHAT THEY WANTED TO INSPECT?

7   A.   When the NRC came to Catawba for inspections, our practice was to  
8       meet with them upon their arrival in the Project Manager's office.  
9       Those present usually included the Project Manager, Project  
10      Engineer, General Superintendent of Crafts, Senior Quality Control  
11      Engineer, Senior Construction Engineer and Senior Quality  
12      Assurance Engineer. At this time, the NRC would advise us which  
13      areas of construction they wanted to inspect during their visit. We  
14      would advise them of the status of construction, current work in  
15      progress and which individuals were available and knowledgeable in  
16      the areas they intended to inspect. The individuals who were  
17      knowledgeable in the areas to be inspected were then notified to be  
18      available as needed by the NRC in order to enable the NRC to  
19      complete their inspections.