

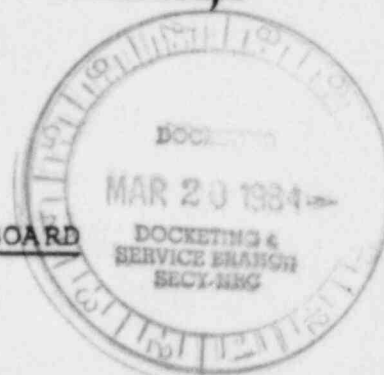
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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 PHILLIP M. REEP

Q. State your name and your work address.

A. My name is Phillip M. Reep. 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 at the Catawba
Nuclear Project.

Q. Summarize your experience and qualifications.

A. I graduated from high school in 1976 and attended
Gaston College (North Carolina) for approximately two
years where I took courses related to electronics.
In 1978 I started to work for Duke Power Company at
the Catawba Project and three months later began
radiography training in the Quality Assurance Depart-
ment. After completing training, I was assigned to
progressively higher positions until I became a
radiographer in mid-1980. I remained in this

position until April, 1982, when I began training to become a visual welding inspector. Since becoming a visual welding inspector (in approximately July, 1982), I have received training in liquid penetrant and magnaflux testing. I currently perform visual welding inspections as well as welding inspections using magnaflux, liquid penetrant and radiography.

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

A. In that I was not assigned to visual welding inspection at that time, I have no specific, first-hand knowledge of these concerns. Further, during this time I had no concerns regarding Quality Assurance. However, after this time I did have a specific concern related to harassment. This concern was documented in my March 8, 1983 statement which is attached to this testimony.

Q. Please summarize and explain your concern.

A. As stated in the attached document, I feel I was harassed by a welder while I was doing my job. I might add that although I was harassed, it did not stop me from completing my inspection, writing an NCI (#16417) on the problem I found (uncontrolled welding

rods) and filing a harassment charge. I also want to state that this incident did not change how I would or did conduct later inspections.

Q. How were the NCI and harassment charge resolved?

A. The NCI was resolved by disposing of the uncontrolled filler material and issuing a written reprimand to the welder. With regard to the harassment charge, while it was determined that the conduct did not constitute "harassment" in a technical sense, the welder was counselled on his lack of professional behavior.

Q. Did you approve any work as a result of harassment pressure that was unacceptable or of poor quality?

A. No.

Q. Except for this one harassment concern, did you or have you had any other concerns?

A. No.

Q. To whom did you express your concern regarding harassment?

A. I initially informed my first-line supervisor, Beau Ross. Afterward, Duke employees from QA supervision and management as well as personnel relations became involved and investigated the issue.

Q. Did you feel free to express all of your concerns?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you express all of your concerns.

A. Yes.

Q. Does this document attached to your testimony reflect all of your concerns?

A. Yes.

Q. Did the expression of your concern indicate your belief that there was a breakdown in the QA program or indicate that the QA program was no longer working? Explain.

A. No. The fact that I felt I was harassed, while I did not like it and didn't think it was right, did not stop me from doing my job as a QA inspector.

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.

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

Phillip M. Reep
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Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 2nd day of November 1983.

Gerrie S. Williams
Notary Public

Commission Expires March 7, 1993

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I. I # 16417

Violation of QA Procedure H-3

3-8-83

While performing final visual inspection I found uncontrolled filler material in the core instrumentation pit. There was no H-3B copy in the rod punch or welder that was visible. There were no A-1B tags placed on rods because welder took rods out of inspectors hands.

Harassment charges were filed with Debbie Ensley (QA personnel) at 2:30 PM on 3-8-83. These charges were filed against welder G.R. Jones who works for welding supervisor Henry Best, because of NCI # 16417.

When called for final visual inspection in the core instrumentation pit I went down ladder and visually saw welder G.R. Jones lying down with his head against the wall of the radiography sheeting enclosure. At this time I walked to the other end of the core instrumentation pit and found stainless filler material hanging on instrumentation piping. I then asked pipe-fitter Steve Vincent if he would go to the inspection desk and ask that welding inspector Harold Eubanks come down and see me. Mr. Eubanks came down and I showed him the problem. He asked me where the welder was and I said

lying there in the enclosure. At that time he advised me to take control of the filler material. I then took the filler material and put it into my back pocket. I then continued with my inspection. Pipe fitter Steve Vincent then went and informed the welder that I had his filler material. At this time welder G.R. Jones came and took the filler material out of my back pocket and slammed them into his red pouch. I continued to finish the required inspection on that side and then reached and removed the filler material from his red pouch. I went down to the opposite end of the enclosure pit and continued my inspection on that end. Welder G.R. Jones then made the verbal statement that I would not leave the enclosure pit with his rods (filler material). As I continued to make the required inspections welder G.R. Jones was cursing me and telling me that he was tired of this "Krit-picky —" ^{*see note}. After finishing this inspection with the paperwork in my right hand and his filler material in my left hand welder G.R. Jones then approached me and said "I told you that you will not leave here with my rods!" At this time welder G.R. Jones reached and yanked the filler material from my

hands and verbally stated "I told you, you were not leaving here with my rods!" This problem was witnessed by pipe-fitters Steve Vincent and Bill Barkley. After he took the rods I informed welder G.R. Jones that I would be originating an NCI (non conforming item) for the uncontrolled filler material.

Note: G.R. Jones also said that I was not doing my job. During this time he was throwing and kicking material around me.

Formal Harassment charges were filed because welder G.R. Jones verbally harassed me while I was performing my ~~job~~ inspection. Also welder G.R. Jones verbally threatened me while performing my job.

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