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In the matter of *Dr. Paul Kochery*  
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21 PAUL KOCHERY,

22 being first duly sworn, was deposed and  
23 testified as follows:

24 EXAMINATION

25 BY MR. KOHN:

1 A Yes.

2 Q How did you resolve them?

3 A Doing proper calibration and  
4 calibration methods and the insulation methods.

5 Q And after you did the proper  
6 calibration, didn't the diesel trip again?

7 A After corrected insulation, it didn't  
8 trip.

9 Q After correct insulation did you say?

10 A Yes, not using the --

11 Q By the time your critique report had  
12 came out, you had already known about the pipe  
13 dough, right?

14 A I believe so.

15 Q Your report, the finalized report,  
16 came out on May 24th, correct?

17 A Yes. May 24, '90, yes.

18 Q Well, didn't the calcons fail that  
19 day or fail to operator? There was a problem  
20 with the diesel on that very day?

21 A That particular day?

22 Q Yes.

23 A I don't see any reason why.

24 Q Were you aware there was a problem on  
25 the 23rd, May 23rd?

1           A       I don't recollect this.

2           Q       Were you aware that the diesel  
3 tripped or experienced similar problems that  
4 occurred during the side area emergency at some  
5 point after April of 1990?

6           A       Similar problem?

7           Q       Yes.

8           A       There is no similar problem.

9           Q       Do you remember seeing a jar with  
10 some fluid in it in your office?

11          A       No.

12          Q       Do you remember seeing any container  
13 with fluid in it that someone brought in your  
14 office?

15          A       No, I don't remember.

16          Q       Specifically do you remember Mr.  
17 Burr, Mr. Stokes or Mr. Chenault talking to you  
18 about or leaving a container with fluid in it in  
19 your office?

20          A       No.

21          Q       Were you aware of liquid coming out  
22 of the trip lines?

23          A       No. I remember it coming from the  
24 air start line, not the trip line.

25          Q       What is the air start line?

1 A Two inch big line, air line.

2 Q And what do you remember about it?  
3 What line or when was it collected?

4 A The line to drain it.

5 Q Can you tell me when?

6 A Sometime during the time, I believe.

7 Q During the time of the Critique Team?

8 A I don't think it was during the  
9 Critique Team time. Sometime --

10 Q Maybe after, just after the Critique  
11 Team?

12 A Could be, yes. I don't remember the  
13 time frame.

14 Q But you're talking about before the  
15 summer of 1990?

16 A Maybe after. I don't know.

17 Q Do you think that occurred more than  
18 one time?

19 A I was aware of only that one time.  
20 Could be more than one time.

21 Q And can you tell me how much fluid  
22 came out?

23 A Not exactly. A little bit, you know.

24 Q Excuse me?

25 A Half an ounce or something like that.

1 Q And can you tell me which diesel?

2 A No.

3 Q Were you present when this occurred  
4 or did you hear about it?

5 A I heard about it.

6 Q By whom did you hear about it?

7 A What did you say?

8 Q Who did you hear it from?

9 A From -- I don't know exactly. Maybe  
10 operation personnel.

11 Q Do you recall a description of the  
12 fluid whether it was clear or colored or  
13 something?

14 A It was clear.

15 Q Was there any discussion how the  
16 fluid got in there?

17 A No.

18 Q Does it refresh your recollection  
19 whether this occurred during the time that they  
20 were having problems with the air start valves?

21 A No. I don't recollect exactly what  
22 time period was it.

23 Q Can you tell me who if anyone you  
24 passed this information on to?

25 A Who passed the information to me?



1 Q Well, I think you indicated it was a  
2 technician, right, or operations people.

3 A I think it was from operations I  
4 heard.

5 Q Do you remember who you passed that  
6 information on to?

7 A I didn't pass that information to  
8 anybody. I just heard when they were talking  
9 about it.

10 Q Was anyone else present when you were  
11 having the discussion?

12 A I don't know.

13 Q There may have been more people  
14 present?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Prior to testifying today is there  
17 anyone else that you discussed this matter with?

18 A This --

19 Q About the fluid that came out of that  
20 line?

21 A I didn't discuss it to anybody  
22 specifically.

23 Q Did anybody ask you about it between  
24 that day and today?

25 A No.