

STATEMENT

PLACE: COSSES

DATE: 11/24/83

I, Walter T. Eason, hereby make the following voluntary statement to Mr. D. D. Driskill, who has identified himself to me as an investigator with the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I make this statement freely with no threats or promises of reward having been made to me.

Q I am currently employed by Ebasco as a Coatings QC Inspector at COSSES. I have been employed in this capacity for about 22 months.

A On 8/24/83 I attended a meeting at which two Ebasco Chemical Engineers explained the results of their review of COSSES coatings specifications and QC procedures. They also wanted to present to Coatings QC personnel some of the changes they were going to recommend in our program. The format for their presentation encouraged us to ask questions.

During their presentation numerous people asked questions and made comments regarding topics they were discussing. One of those individuals was Bill Thompson. At one point Dunham pointed out that technical specifications were not the only problem coatings inspectors have. He said a serious problem was the harassment and lack of support we receive from our QC management when we attempt to document deficient conditions we see during inspections. One of the Engineers said

6) That sort of situation would not exist if he (the Engineer) was in charge of the program. There were several other issues which Durham brought up and the Engineer(s) would also comment on. A couple of times someone ~~would~~^{would} say something to the effect "we're getting off the subject." I do not believe his (Durham's) demeanor was in anyway disruptive or unprofessional. I have attended about 20 meetings which Durham attended and have never seen him disruptive. Durham is a good inspector and is well respected and liked by his coworkers.

I would like to point out that following the meeting no one I knew even indicated that Durham would be reprimanded or fired for his conduct because it was not unusual. It came as a total surprise when he was fired.

I feel intimidated as a result of what happened to Durham. His being terminated in the manner which Durham was makes me feel ~~very~~^{very} vulnerable ~~as~~^{as} if I speak out in meetings or otherwise regarding program matters which concern me. I feel that what happened to Durham affects the way I see all aspects of my job. I feel it limits my freedom to properly do my job as a QC Inspector. WJE

I have read over, understood and initialed answers in
this 3 page statement. I swear this statement
is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
sworn on 9/19/83

> W.E. (Walter) Elliott

Subscribed and sworn before me this 25th day of Sept 1983
@ CPSES, Green River, WY.

[Signature]
Tom NRC

witness:

T. J. [unclear] C/P: U.S.D.O.L.