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2 INVESTIGATOR: This is an interview of Mr. Phil
3 Sollami. And present for this interview from the Nuclear
4 Regulatory Commission is Gene Power and Owen Shackleton,
5 investigators from Region V.

6 Mr. Sollami, do we have your permission to tape
7 record the interview?

8 MR. SOLLAMI: Yes.

9 INVESTIGATOR: Okay, we'll proceed. Thank you.

10 The first concern, Phil, I've got a list I'm
11 going to go down to address. And if anything comes to your
12 mind and you want to throw in, just please, please do. It's
13 just that we're covering these point, as I explained to you
14 before we went on tape, in an effort to determine if we've
15 got some concerns of whether it's only limited to certain
16 people.

17 And the first thing that was brought to our
18 attention was some concerns over the use of termination cards.
19 Have you ever been asked to sign off a termination card for
20 work that you did not perform?

21 MR. SOLLAMI: No.

22 INVESTIGATOR: Have you had any problems with the
23 termination cards from the standpoint of filling them in,
24 our being directed to do something that wasn't correct?

25 MR. SOLLAMI: No.

1 INVESTIGATOR: Have you ever heard of anyone else
2 being directed by management to sign off a card for work they
3 didn't perform?

4 MR. SOLLAMI: No.

5 INVESTIGATOR: Gene, do you --

6 INVESTIGATOR: Have you ever been aware of any
7 situation of what they do if a card is lost, what happens
8 then? For work that was previously installed, signed out.

9 MR. SOLLAMI: Well, I don't know exactly the
10 procedure, but I know that if the card is lost, they go through
11 the whole procedure all over again, as far as I know.

12 INVESTIGATOR: None of your cards have been
13 misplaced or lost?

14 MR. SOLLAMI: No. We try to be careful with those
15 cards.

16 INVESTIGATOR: I realize you do.

17 MR. SOLLAMI: No, but I'm saying, every time we
18 finish a job, we take the card and we bring it back to our
19 foreman, and those cards are always with us at all times.
20 Even if we take off for lunch, we take our cards with us.

21 INVESTIGATOR: I meant if one ended up going back
22 to be entered in the computer, the end result it gets lost
23 somewhere along the line. How do they go back and recoup
24 the work that was done?

25 MR. SOLLAMI: Well, there will be times maybe an

1 electrician will put down the wrong number on his tool. And
2 if the computer throws it out because there's no listing for
3 that number -- I mean the guy could make a mistake. And
4 that's what happens.

5 And if that does happen, what we do is mark it
6 off and we (inaudible).

7 INVESTIGATOR: No, I was making specific reference
8 to, you know, the whole card was lost and then they had to
9 come back with a completely new card for work that was
10 previously installed, say six months ago.

11 MR. SOLLAMI: (inaudible)

12 INVESTIGATOR: Okay, Phil, the next issue was
13 splicing of quality class cable. And you're working on high
14 voltage; is that correct?

15 MR. SOLLAMI: Yes.

16 INVESTIGATOR: Are you allowed to splice high
17 voltage lines?

18 MR. SOLLAMI: Yes.

19 INVESTIGATOR: And have you known of any situations
20 where high voltage lines have been spliced without documenta-
21 tion or our QC being involved?

22 MR. SOLLAMI: Not to my knowledge.

23 INVESTIGATOR: What I'm relating to, Phil, is the
24 situation where, a specific case that was given to us where
25 Wally was done above the cable tray. Hot slide came down and

1 burned through the exterior of the cable. Rather than pull
2 the cable as required, they go ahead and get a kit and repair
3 it. Pull cables over it so it isn't easily observed and go
4 on about their business. And QC didn't know anything about
5 it, and no non-conformance report was being written.

6 Do you know of any situations like that?

7 MR. SOLLAMI: No, not to my knowledge.

8 INVESTIGATOR: All right. Do you of any splices
9 that occurred on -- what I was specifically worried, work,
10 say in January, you wouldn't have happened to have been working
11 on the 100-foot level on the aux building.

12 MR. SOLLAMI: (inaudible)

13 INVESTIGATOR: We have a specific allegation that
14 something might have occurred back in that time.

15 The next issue, Phil, relates to some possible
16 problems with startup. You've got to bear with us now
17 because we're not acquainted with your craft, so if I stumble
18 around it's not like I don't know too much, but it's true.

19 When you guys complete a termination and you've
20 already been bought off by QC, have you ever come back in the
21 same area to do some more terminations and find where your
22 work has been determinated and reinstalled and never done
23 properly, by startup or someone else.

24 MR. SOLLAMI: Well, we are connected to (inaudible)
25 Once what happened was startup opened up one of our

1 terminations and they damaged the cable and we had to go back
2 and redo the cable. But the reason they damaged the cable
3 was the fellows when they stripped the wires. But other than
4 that, you know.

5 INVESTIGATOR: But it's not a common occurrence.

6 MR. SOLLAMI: Oh, no, no.

7 INVESTIGATOR: That's what we're -- any of these
8 things happen. When you 6,000 men working under you --

9 We've had some people express concerns about the
10 type of insulation material that had been furnished some time
11 in the past, and you've been here quite a while. And what
12 I'm talking about is some of the guys were concerned with
13 having used a material called Scotch-fill 2200. And what
14 their concerns were with the heat that you have here in the
15 desert they were having a lot of this material melting and
16 running out of the termination.

17 What's your experience at this time?

18 MR. SOLLAMI: Well, my experience is, I mean,
19 I know they use the 2200 on the high voltage, but what we
20 do is according to specification. It has to be approved
21 by the engineers, it has to be approved also be QC. And
22 whatever they come up our specs, we try to keep to the specs,
23 exactly what they want.

24 I mean, my feeling is that I don't (inaudible). If
25 it's what the specs, well, if the wire company approves of

1 that type of work, and if the generic proves that type of
2 work, and my superintendent approves that type of work, than
3 (inaudible).

4 INVESTIGATOR: Have you had any problems, Phil,
5 with connecting field cable with a two-bolt lug to a one-bolt
6 lug connection. Like, you've got a picker head that comes
7 off from a motor and it may have a smaller lug on it with
8 only one-bolt hole. Well, you have the heavy field cable,
9 the Bechtel line that you're pulling in to terminate, it's
10 got a double lug.

11 What's the procedure you're to follow there?

12 MR. SOLLAMI: Well, if it's QC there they have to
13 approve it. So what happens, we usually fill up the extra
14 hole and we try to -- we fill it up with -- well, we starting
15 to use the 13 Scotch-filler. And we fill it up. And we
16 (inaudible)

17 INVESTIGATOR: Have you ever used two bolts in the
18 two-bolt lug on the cables. What I'm actually just dummied
19 up to miss a wrap needed?

20 MR. SOLLAMI: Yes, just to fill in the hole.

21 INVESTIGATOR: No other reason?

22 MR. SOLLAMI: No other reason that I know of.

23 INVESTIGATOR: Anybody direct this, or just the
24 craftsmen do it?

25 MR. SOLLAMI: I think that we might have -- they

1 asked about that and we chose to fill them in, as far as
2 I know.

3 I mean, you don't do anything that you think is
4 right. You do it -- well, we usually do it by specs, as
5 close as we can. We have any problems we go to see the
6 engineer or a superintendent (inaudible).

7 INVESTIGATOR: The next issue, Phil, is concerning
8 QC inspectors. Do you feel that the QC people that you have
9 experience with are adequately trained and know their job to
10 do a satisfactory job?

11 MR. SOLLAMI: I can't answer. I don't know their
12 background -- I mean I don't know where they come from or --
13 I can't answer that. I really can't.

14 INVESTIGATOR: I think just maybe four or five
15 here. They apparently question those items that they're
16 supposed to question and (inaudible)

17 MR. SOLLAMI: Yes, they're pretty strict. I mean
18 they follow the book.

19 INVESTIGATOR: That's what I meant. How do they
20 perform, how you've observed?

21 (inaudible)

22 MR. SOLLAMI: No, whatever their specs, you know,
23 whatever they're supposed to they do check.

24 INVESTIGATOR: Phil, have you ever observed where
25 QC inspector has been what you feel improperly overridden by

1 say, a some foreman or a superintendent where the QC man hung
2 red tags for some purpose and the foreman comes along and tells
3 him to take them off, and the guy takes them off even though
4 he knows it's not right. Just because of being intimidated
5 by construction.

6 MR. SOLLAMI: All I could say is my experience.
7 I heard of things like this, but I couldn't prove it.
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