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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 INVESTIGATOR: This is an interview on June 16,  
3 1982 of Mr. Kerry Wallerstein. And Kerry is an electrician  
4 assigned to Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station working  
5 for Bechtel Power.

6 Present for this interview from NRC, in addition  
7 to myself, Owen Shackleton is Gene Power. Both of us  
8 investigators from Region V.

9 Kerry, are we recording this interview with your  
10 permission.

11 MR. WALLERSTEIN: You are.

12 INVESTIGATOR: Okay, Kerry. The first thing I  
13 wanted to address is one of the concerns that's been brought  
14 to us, and that is how some of the termination cards have  
15 been handled.

16 Are you working on terminations now, or have you  
17 worked on terminations in the past.

18 MR. WALLERSTEIN: I have been for two-and-a-half  
19 years.

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13 INVESTIGATOR: Okay. Gene, you have any additional  
14 questions?

15 INVESTIGATOR: No, I don't think so. The last  
16 item, which is a problem in America, drugs. You know we  
17 got them out here, we've had allegations, we've had problems.  
18 What is your opinion of the drug traffic on the site? I'm  
19 talking about all uncontrolled drugs, Kerry. Smoking pot,  
20 snorting coke, what have you, amphetamines.

21 MR. WALLERSTEIN: I can't answer about the coke  
22 or amphetamines, but pot smoking, I've seen it quite a bit.  
23 I should say quite a bit, you know, for the percentage of  
24 people out here. I've seen it out here. I've had a run-in  
25 with a person that was working with me with it. And this was

1 back -- a little over two-and-a-half years ago.

2 INVESTIGATOR: How about currently, Kerry?

3 MR. WALLERSTEIN: I'm sure it's going on.

4 INVESTIGATOR: Well, have you come across it, pot  
5 smoking currently?

6 MR. WALLERSTEIN: Well, not in the last probably  
7 six to eight months. But then again, you have realize I'm  
8 in a no smoking area now.

9 INVESTIGATOR: How about in the parking lots and  
10 in the smoking areas?

11 MR. WALLERSTEIN: No. If they do it, they're going  
12 to go hide in the (inaudible) or they're going to go in the  
13 cable shafts. And in the parking lot, I'm not in the parking  
14 lot long enough to see anything.

15 INVESTIGATOR: Do you know where they're making  
16 buys, do you have any idea relative to that?

17 MR. WALLERSTEIN: Where you can what?

18 INVESTIGATOR: Buy, make arrangements to buy  
19 narcotics and drugs.

20 MR. WALLERSTEIN: Probably a dozen or so people.

21 INVESTIGATOR: Would you care to name any that  
22 you know?

23 MR. WALLERSTEIN: No, I don't want to name them.

24 INVESTIGATOR: But you know that many on-site at  
25 this time?



1           We don't want them in the system because then we're  
2 worried about what they're installing (inaudible) safety.

3           MR. WALLERSTEIN: I really don't care if they're  
4 smoking pot.

5           INVESTIGATOR: I really don't think you're going to  
6 get them out of the system, though.

7           MR. WALLERSTEIN: Well, that's true. Again, when  
8 you're asking me if I can buy it here. Yes, I can buy it  
9 here, but it's easier for me to just walk out. I can get it  
10 for free out here, too.

11           Now, if you ask me if these people are dealers,  
12 I would have to say, except for maybe two people, I would have  
13 to say, no, they're not dealers.

14           INVESTIGATOR: Are they selling pot, is that what  
15 -- they're dealing pot. Is that what we're talking about?

16           MR. WALLERSTEIN: They have it for their own use.

17           INVESTIGATOR: We're talking about marijuana,  
18 though.

19           MR. WALLERSTEIN: Yes. And if you want it you  
20 can get it. As far as any harder drugs than that --

21           INVESTIGATOR: What's the going price out here for  
22 a cigarette or for a lid, do you know?

23           MR. WALLERSTEIN: No, I don't use it. And I won't  
24 work with people that do.

25           INVESTIGATOR: Are there any locations that would

1 generally be the type of place other than those that you  
2 mentioned (inaudible).

3 We don't regulate it but we don't like to see it  
4 around for obvious reasons. We don't want anybody high when  
5 they're supposed to be putting in some safety related system.

6 It's pretty hard for the Commission to certify to  
7 the public that a nuclear power plant has been put together as  
8 safely as possible when we know we've got some craft people  
9 who may be under the influence of uncontrolled drugs.

10 MR. WALLERSTEIN: I realize that. It's a problem.

11 INVESTIGATOR: Yes, we have a problem.

12 MR. WALLERSTEIN: But you're not going to get rid  
13 of it either.

14 INVESTIGATOR: We're realistic enough to know we're  
15 never going to stamp it all out, but we'd like to cut it back  
16 as far as we can.

17 MR. WALLERSTEIN: I don't know how you plan to  
18 do that, but good luck.

19 INVESTIGATOR: Okay. Do you have any further  
20 questions, Gene?

21 INVESTIGATOR: No, Anything else you'd like to  
22 say?

23 MR. WALLERSTEIN: I'd say, all in all, I've been,  
24 like I say, in the control room for two-and-a-half years  
25 almost steady. And in the control building definitely for

1 two-and-a-half years steady, and to me it seems like everybody  
2 all in all has done a fairly good job. That's been a couple  
3 hard-noses, but they get weeded out pretty quick. There's  
4 some guys that walked around with a chip on their shoulder.

5 INVESTIGATOR: Are you satisfied, Kerry, with the  
6 work that you've seen that it's satisfactory work?

7 MR. WALLERSTEIN: To a point. And the point being  
8 that terminations are good, okay. The way the cables are laid  
9 in is terrible in a lot places. It's sloppy, really sloppy.

10 People like that, they shouldn't even have the  
11 fur jobs, excuse the language.

12 INVESTIGATOR: Is there some particular area our  
13 inspectors ought to look at, where there's cable laid that  
14 you feel ought to be -- something ought to be done to correct  
15 it?

16 MR. WALLERSTEIN: There's cables laid (inaudible)  
17 walk around into just about any cabinet in the control room  
18 and see some. Again, the ends of the cable are terminated  
19 with a crimping tool that's numbered and calibrated and all  
20 that sort of thing. The termination is fine, but as far as  
21 being neat, it could have been a hell of a lot neater.

22 But then again, it was the procedures we had to  
23 follow a lot of times that led to the cables looking like that.  
24 Those procedures were, instead of waiting for enough termination  
25 cards for one cabinet were issued, as they came creeping out



1 one at a time, there might be a hundred cables laying on the  
2 floor, and here we had to pick one out and terminate it.

3 Well, it might terminate down here. And then there  
4 might be 99 more cables going past it that should have been  
5 behind it not in front of it.

6 INVESTIGATOR: I understand.

7 MR. WALLERSTEIN: So you wind up with shit looking  
8 like that.

9 INVESTIGATOR: Yes, it was poor coordination is  
10 what you're saying.

11 MR. WALLERSTEIN: I wouldn't -- I'd say -- it's  
12 a --

13 INVESTIGATOR: -- organization we have.

14 MR. WALLERSTEIN: I blame it 50-50, management  
15 and labor, because there's nothing on this job that (inaudible)  
16 can do, okay, that we can't take the time to do it right.

17 If it takes -- they don't care if it takes you  
18 all day to terminate two lousy number 14 wires, but do it  
19 right. And a lot of times it's not done right, or it's done  
20 right but it's sloppy.

21 But of course you can't tell if something's sloppy  
22 until you see something that's done neat.

23 INVESTIGATOR: That's true.

24 MR. WALLERSTEIN: Again you've got QC people that  
25 are out here, and they don't know when this stuff was first

1 started, they didn't know what the norm should be, they only  
2 knew it as it came out. Again, they were not experienced.

3 INVESTIGATOR: (inaudible) We can go to different  
4 places, just cleanliness, and messy house, just how you clean  
5 up an area. And we know from one site to another site. Some  
6 look like a Chinese whorehouse. Of course, that's indicative  
7 of the type you're going to get. (inaudible)

8 MR. WALLERSTEIN: I agree with what you're saying.

9 INVESTIGATOR: Okay, Kerry, we really appreciate  
10 the time you've given to the Commission, and we'll discontinue  
11 this interview now at 1:20 p.m.

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