

September 8, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: John T. Collins, Regional Administrator
Region IV

FROM: Ben B. Hayes, Director /S/ Roger A. Fortuna for
Office of Investigations

SUBJECT: WOLF CREEK NGS/ALLEGED INTIMIDATION OF DANIEL
INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL QC INSPECTORS (4-82-016)

Enclosed is the Office of Investigations' final report on this subject. The investigation established that some acts of intimidation may have taken place prior to the initiation of the investigation, but did not uncover evidence that the acts were taking place at the time of the investigation. It will be necessary to determine the validity of the NCRs that were allegedly improperly voided before arriving at a final determination regarding the earlier acts of alleged intimidation. It should be noted that even if the NCRs were properly voided, this would only be one factor, albeit significant, to disprove intimidation. It is my understanding that copies of these NCRs have already been provided your staff which is examining this issue. Thus, OI contemplates no further action on this particular subject.

Additionally, several of the QC inspectors interviewed advised that due to the attitudes of their supervisors regarding the writing of NCRs they verbally told craft employees of deficiencies rather than write NCRs. A few QC inspectors stated in spite of this they still felt free to write NCRs. In OI's view, the weight of the evidence indicates that Daniel International practices and procedures did have a negative impact on the writing of NCRs by the inspectors interviewed.

Finally, present QC inspectors were almost unanimous in stating the aforementioned problems were alleviated by the firing or transfer of several former supervisors.

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Enclosure:
As stated

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<p>On October 29, 1982, by a October 20, 1982 request of John Collins, Regional Administrator, Region IV, OI opened a case regarding allegations of intimidation and improper QA practices concerning the documentation of nonconformance reports at Wolf Creek. These allegations were brought to Region IV's attention by the Senior Resident Inspector, Tom Vandel.</p>																		
<p>DATE: November 30, 1982 - Investigation in progress. 25% completed.</p>																		
<p>DATE: December 31, 1982 - Investigation 75% complete</p>																		
<p>DATE: January 31, 1983 - Completion of investigation effort is scheduled for the week of February 14, 1983.</p>																		
<p>DATE: February 28, 1983 - This investigation is completed and is in typing. Field review should be completed near the end of March 1983.</p>																		
<p>DATE: March 31, 1983 - This investigation is completed and is in typing. Field review, and should be completed near mid - April 1983.</p>																		
<p>DATE: April 29, 1983 - This investigation mailed to OI:DFO for review on 4-15-83.</p>																		
<p>DATE: May 31, 1983 - This investigation is in OI:DFO for final review.</p>																		

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Date; June 30, 1983 - This investigation was returned to OIFO for correction. Corrections have been made and the report will be forward to OI:DFO for final review during the week of July 5, 1983.

DATE: July 29, 1983 - This investigation is in OI:DFO for final review.

DATE: August 31, 1983 - This investigation is in OI:DFO for final review.

DATE: September 30, 1983 - This investigation was closed September 8, 1983.