

REPORT OF INTERVIEW  
WITH  
NAVINE MATHER

On July 19, 1995, MATHER was interviewed by the reporting investigator. The interview was conducted under oath at the New York Power Authority (NYPA), 123 Main St., White Plains, NY. MATHER stated that he requested NYPA attorney Amy LEVINE to represent him during the interview. MATHER provided the following information:

MATHER was born on [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. He became a naturalized U.S. citizen more than 10 years ago (nfi). His social security number is [REDACTED]. He resides at [REDACTED]. His home telephone number is [REDACTED]. His office number is 914-681-6267. His drivers license number is [REDACTED]. He graduated from the University of Delhi in [REDACTED] with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics. He graduated from the University of Delhi in [REDACTED] with a Master of Science degree in Astro Physics. He graduated from the University of Georgia in [REDACTED] with a Master of Science degree in Nuclear Physics in [REDACTED]. He graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in [REDACTED] with a Master of Science in Nuclear Engineering. MATHER was hired by NYPA in 1978. He is currently a Supervisory Engineer in the Engineering Programs Group. His supervisor is Bob PENNY, Director of Engineering Programs Group. Prior to that he worked in the Configuration Management Programs Group as a Supervisory Engineer in charge of the NYPA Design Basis Document (DBD) Program. MATHER said that Ulrich WITTE was his supervisor for approximately one year.

MATHER said that, at some point, all of the DBD work was taken away from WITTE except for the fire protection DBD. MATHER thinks that WITTE and Alan ETTLINGER (then the Manager of Configuration Management Programs) made that decision.

MATHER said that he didn't have a very good working relationship with WITTE. MATHER said that, when WITTE supervised him, he (MATHER) professionally disagreed with him on everything because WITTE did not have the historical knowledge of the NYPA DBD work. MATHER commented that he had a lot of experience in the NYPA DBD program, and he knew a lot more about it than WITTE, who was still trying to learn it. MATHER said that he made his feelings very well known to Sal ZULLA (Senior Technical Advisor to NYPA's Chief Nuclear Officer) and ETTLINGER. MATHER said that he applied for the job that WITTE got, and was disappointed he did not get it.

MATHER said that he took over the Indian Point 3 (IP3) Nuclear Generating Station Fire Protection (FP) DBD approximately two months ago. He supervises TARPINIAN and STRAUSSER. He said that TARPINIAN and STRAUSSER provide quality work, and they are very knowledgeable, hard working professionals. MATHER has not had any complaints from anyone about TARPINIAN and STRAUSSER.

MATHER said that he has heard that Andrew BARTLIK pursues issues to the point of being ridiculous from a Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) standpoint. He also heard that BARTLIK does not document the issues or concerns that he raises.

MATHER said that he is personally involved in BARTLIK's issue of "false

Information in this record was deleted  
in accordance with the Freedom of Information  
Act, exemptions  
FOIA-  
96-359

CASE NO. 1 - 95 - 019

9610030166 960918  
PDR FOIA  
MORGAN96-359 PDR

EXHIBIT Col  
PAGE 1 2 SITE(S)

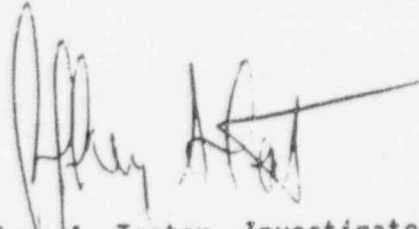
10 Porters

B/A

indication of Carbon Dioxide discharge in the diesel generator (DG) rooms which may isolate ventilation in the DG room and the DG's may overheat." Bob PENNY (BARTLIK's current supervisor) asked MATHER approximately one month ago to look into the issue. MATHER said that he and NYPA Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) Department employees John BENCIVENGA and Jeff CIRCLE have concluded that BARTLIK's scenario probability is in the realm of impossibility. MATHER said it is below the realm of NRC requirements that forces NYPA to expend resources to address it. MATHER said that, based on the review, BARTLIK's scenario's probability is in the order of one in ten million. He said that the issue involves non safety related instrumentation. MATHER added that their review has not been finalized.

MATHER said that BENCIVENGA has had more direct interface with BARTLIK than he has on this issue. BENCIVENGA has not complained to him that BARTLIK was not doing the proper research or providing documentation regarding his concern.

MATHER said that he has been responsible for signing NYPA Design Deficiency Open Items (DDOIs). He does not recall experiencing any difficulty in getting any DDOIs initiated, worked on, or resolved. He added that he works on a thousand DDOIs a year.



Jeffrey A. Teator, Investigator  
Office of Investigations  
Field Office, Region I