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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of )

DUKE POWER COMPANY, et al. )

(Catawba Nuclear Station, )  
Units 1 and 2) )

Docket Nos. 50-413  
50-414

TESTIMONY OF PAUL DENNIS WRIGHT

1 Q. STATE YOUR NAME AND YOUR WORK ADDRESS.

2 A. Paul Dennis Wright, QA Welding, Catawba Nuclear Project, P.O.  
3 Box 223, Clover, SC 29710.

4 Q. WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT JOB WITH DUKE POWER COMPANY?

5 A. Welding Inspector, Visual, MT & PT, Level II

6 Q. SUMMARIZE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS, INCLUDING  
7 OTHER NON-DUKE JOBS, EDUCATION, CERTIFICATIONS, AND  
8 COMPANY SPONSORED COURSES AND TRAINING.

9 A. I have had training in Radiation Safety; Radiography, Level I & II  
10 (Training, no certification); Magnaflux Testing, Level I & II;  
11 Penetration Testing, Level I & II; Ultrasound Testing, Level I (No  
12 certification); and Pipe welding I & II. I attended Cleveland  
13 Technical College (No diploma). I have been with Duke Power for  
14 about 5 years in areas involved with welding.

15 Q. WHAT OTHER JOB POSITIONS HAVE YOU HELD WITH DUKE POWER  
16 COMPANY?


17 A. Inspector Learner, Inspector B, Inspector A. I have been an  
18 inspector for about 4 years.

1 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH WHAT IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS  
2 THE WELDING INSPECTOR CONCERNS WHICH WERE EXPRESSED IN  
3 LATE 1981/EARLY 1982?  
4 A. Yes, but most of the concerns that are being referred to happened  
5 before I was transferred from Cherokee to Catawba in about March  
6 1981.  
7 Q. WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THESE CONCERNS  
8 WERE?  
9 A. While I am not sure, I think the concerns probably dealt with  
10 communication between inspectors and our upper management and  
11 also with construction crafts.  
12 Q. DID YOU EXPRESS ANY CONCERNS AS A WELDING INSPECTOR TO  
13 ANY OF THE TASK FORCES OR TO DUKE POWER MANAGEMENT?  
14 A. No; however, I did attend several meetings.  
15 Q. DID YOU ATTEND ANY MEETINGS WITH TASK FORCE AND/OR QA  
16 MANAGEMENT MEMBERS WHERE THE TASK FORCE FINDINGS,  
17 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WERE DISCUSSED?  
18 A. I was called to meetings with Gail Addis and later with Lew  
19 Zwissler.  
20 Q. WERE THERE ANY CHANGES MADE IN THE QA PROGRAM AFTER  
21 THE WELDING INSPECTOR CONCERNS AND THE TASK FORCE  
22 INVESTIGATION OF THESE CONCERNS?  
23 A. Yes, communication has improved considerably with our management  
24 and craft. Also, there seems to be emphasis on each having a  
25 better knowledge of QA and Construction Procedures.

1 Q. DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT THE  
2 FUNCTIONING OF THE QA PROGRAM THAT HAVE NOT BEEN  
3 RESOLVED?  
4 A. No.  
5 Q. THE WELDING INSPECTOR CONCERNS HAVE BEEN  
6 CHARACTERIZED AS CONCERNS ABOUT THE QUALITY AND  
7 SAFETY OF CONSTRUCTION AT CATAWBA. DO YOU AGREE OR  
8 DISAGREE WITH THAT CHARACTERIZATION?  
9 A. I disagree. The area that I have worked in for the past two years  
10 has been limited to the Auxiliary Building. In my opinion the  
11 workmanship there is very good.  
12 Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE CATAWBA PROJECT IS BEING  
13 CONSTRUCTED SAFELY?  
14 A. Yes.  
15 Q. IN YOUR VIEW, HAS THE QA PROGRAM BEEN EFFECTIVE WHILE  
16 YOU HAVE WORKED AS AN INSPECTOR AT CATAWBA?  
17 A. Yes. However, it appears that some communication problems existed  
18 in the past, as I stated earlier.  
19 Q. ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY DEFICIENCIES IN CONSTRUCTION OR IN  
20 THE QA PROGRAM WHICH WOULD CAUSE YOU TO QUESTION  
21 WHETHER CATAWBA IS SAFELY BUILT?  
22 A. No.  
23 Q. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO YOUR  
24 TESTIMONY?  
25 A. No.

1 I hereby certify that I have read and understand this document, and  
2 believe it to be my true, accurate and complete testimony.

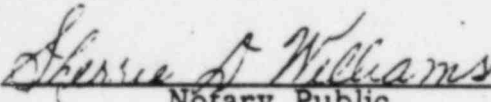
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Paul Dennis Wright

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9 Sworn to and subscribed before me  
10 this 22nd day of September, 1983.

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Notary Public

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16 Commission Expires March 7, 1993