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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Mr. Seidle:

In reference to a recent report issued by the NRC office stating there may be or appear to be a morale problem by those that have alleged construction irregularities at the Glen Rose Comanche Peak Nuclear Plant site.

I am not an employee of the construction companies operating there however I am a researcher for a citizens group located in Hillsboro, Texas, a city located approximately 55 miles from the plant site.

While researching another complaint from a citizen of Hill County, I acquired information that was quite disturbing to say the least.

I will grant you that the news media play on the Three Mile Island fiasco may have been overdone, I do feel that any type of an accident involving nuclear power should not be taken lightly in view of the disastrous effects it could have, should something happen that could not be controlled in time.

The information I received was from a former employee that at one time held the position as chief welder. He presently lives in the Waco-Bellmead area, some 35 miles south of here. Another employee, at the time he gave me the information, but now medically retired for health reasons, related to me of an incident that occurred during a Christmas party held last December.

I forwarded this information to a citizens group that was intervening in the licensing of the Glen Rose plant hoping it would do some good or at least be more thoroughly investigated by your department, but have seen nothing reported on the matter.

Therefore I shall relate this information to you and hope there will be no attempt to cover up the issue.

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[redacted] who worked for Brown and Root during the month of December, 1978 was on the job and attending a Christmas party being given for the employees. This occurred on one of these days-Dec. 2, 3 or 4th.

[redacted] stated there was considerable drinking and all were quite drunk. [redacted] does not drink and can not drink due to [redacted]

[redacted] job that day was to drive the vehicle to take the employees home when they became too drunk to stand.

During the party, a load of cement came in to be poured. The foreman, without supervision, made the workers pour the cement in the forms after he had the men clean up the area and put all trash, garbage, bottles and cans in the forms.

Records, if kept properly, will show which reactor was being worked on that day.

I do have some civil engineering background, having worked with the State Highway Department, building bridges and readily realize that would be a decisive weak spot in the wall construction should a melt down occur and would more than likely be the first spot to blow due to heat, melting the thin metal and bottles and disintegrating the trash and garbage.

It was also stated that he knew of numerous employees, men and women, if they proved they could weld a straight line, they were allowed to weld and most didn't know the difference between a 5 ton weld or 25 ton weld.

I therefore ask you, if the above concrete was not checked out, please have it done. If we must have these things (nuclear plants) then please take every precaution available to assure that such shoddy construction is not allowed for the safety of the people.

I might add [redacted]

[redacted] no longer fears talking about the situation.

One more bit of information, even though not within your jurisdiction, that is being passed on to the proper people is the following.

Glen Rose was the stomping grounds for the pre-historic dinosaur and construction of the nuclear plant was delayed when prints, bones and other artifacts were uncovered. The orders issued by the company now are that if any more are found, they should keep their mouth shut and get concrete poured on the finding as quickly as possible. I have been informed that full skeletons of this animal have been found only to be covered by concrete.

Reporting this to the State Historical and Archaeological Commission will stop construction of the plant until further findings are made.


Any action on this and the receipt of any available information as to the finding of shoddy construction will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Frank Basham

Frank Basham, Researcher

Citizens Committee for Better Local Government



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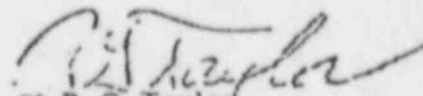
Dear Sir:

I am the resident inspector for the NRC at the Comanche Peak Station. We have received a letter that contains allegations that I have been assigned to investigate. The allegation is about an event that you may possibly know about that supposedly took place while you worked for Brown and Root. Time keeping records that I have checked indicate that you may have been in the area about the time and date of the alleged incident.

This is an investigation of an alleged incident and does not personally involve you in any misdoing nor would your name be made public.

If you are willing to talk to us, please call collect to 817-897-2201 (during business hours of 7:30 to 4:00) or if more convenient call my home phone in [REDACTED]. The number there is [REDACTED].

The above address was obtained from the Brown & Root employment records at the station which may not indicate your present address. This matter is not urgent but it is important. If you will talk to us, call.


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