



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION IV
611 RYAN PLAZA DRIVE, SUITE 1000
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011

April 9, 1979

Docket No. 50-445
50-446

MEMORANDUM FOR: File

THRU: W. C. Seidle, Chief, RC&ES Branch

FROM: R. E. Hall, Chief, Engineering Support Section

SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION IRREGULARITIES AT THE
COMANCHE PEAK STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, DN 50-445; 446

With reference to W. G. Hubacek's memo to file dated April 4, 1979, same subject, attempts were made on April 2, 3 and 4 to contact the alleged for further information relative to his contentions. At 11:00 a.m. on April 4, the alleged returned our call from Hot Springs, Arkansas. At that time, he was unable to provide additional information. He did agree to a meeting upon his return. Since he would not return until the week of April 9, he agreed to call W. A. Crossman after his return to set up a meeting between himself, W. A. Crossman and R. G. Taylor (or someone else from the RIV office).

W. A. Crossman
for R. E. Hall, Chief
Engineering Support Section

cc: W. A. Crossman
R. G. Taylor

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Memorandum For: W.C. Seidle / R. Hall

Subject: Allegations of CPSES Problems

This memo is in regard to the allegations phone to me on April 2 by Bill Hubacek.

Based on the allegation relative to a concrete placement in a rain storm on the unit 1 dome, I started a little detective work immediately. I was able to determine that the final dome placement made on Jan 18/19 did take place in what was initially a gentle drizzle that later turned into a pretty good thunder & lightning display. The placement on the 18th was stopped due to the hazards, was resumed on the 19th after water blasting to clean up the remaining area of the pour. It apparently became clear what I was up to because J. Hawkins stated to me that he just been thru the same investigative cycle and had filed a report with Tolson. Late yesterday, I was told that the alleged had contacted Roy Webb, one of the senior TUSI people on site. I asked Roy to come in to talk to me which he did. Roy related that ~~was~~ a person called him about the 19th of March and made allegations to him regarding the final unit 1 dome placement and something about the pipe shop activities. Roy said that he and the TUSI project accountant, Mike Hall, visited the person at his home on March 20. Roy said that he remembered the man as a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the man and a couple of friends quit. It seems that they subsequently came back to the site in a drunken condition at day shift quitting time to "Whomp" someone. As I get it, the sheriff was called to remove them from the premises or perhaps they were just threatened with the sheriff. In any event, Roy says he invited the man to come to the site and discuss the situation with Brown & Root management. Henry Kirkland just informed me that the man whose name Henry related [REDACTED] did in fact appear at the site at 12:30 pm on the the 26th and had an interview with Henry and U.D. Douglas (B&R Construction Project Manager) and again made the allegations. Henry says that the man was clearly trying to get B&R to rehire him and using the allegations as a lever. The man called in to U.D. on the 29th to find out if he was to be rehired, again according to Henry. He was told that he would not be rehired under any circumstances. Henry says that the man indicated that he would call the NRC, the state PUC and who ever else he could think of to bring pressure to bear.

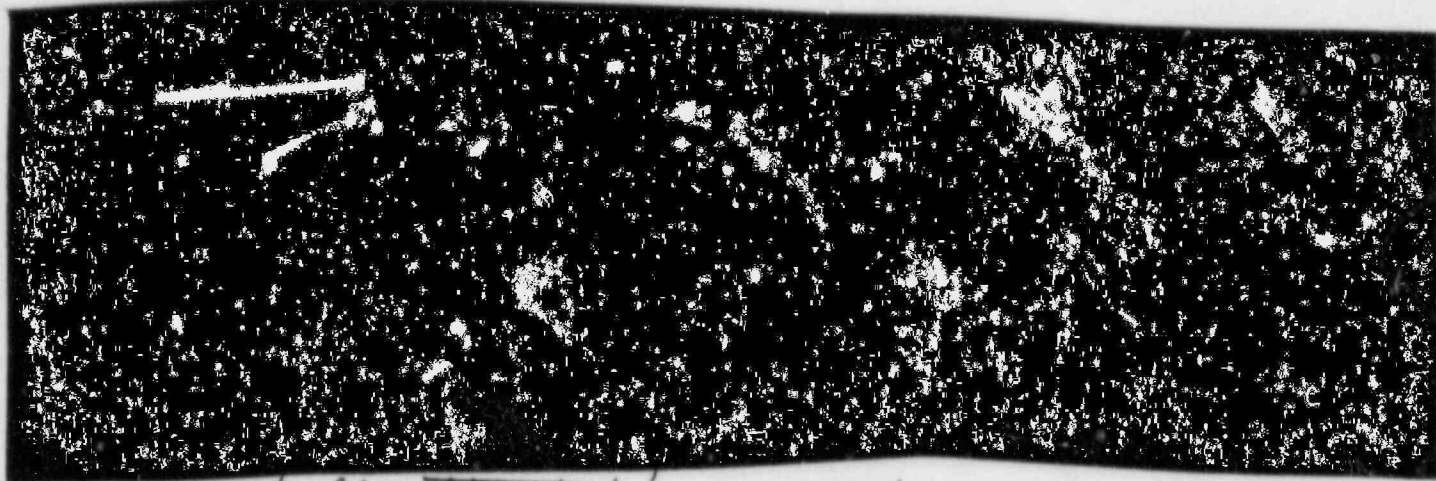
The point of this memo is that the man's request to be protected is blown and would have been blown the instant we attempted to investigate his allegations on site whether performed before or after talking to him. He made to big an issue with TUSI and B & R and used essentially the same allegations to many times to protect him. I know that we must go ahead and interview him and also interview the other parties he has mentioned. These other parties have not surfaced here as yet, apparently he did not mention them to TUSI or B & R. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We will have to wait and see. I think that when we do talk to him, we have to tell him immediately that we cannot protect his identity since it is already well established. By the way, when Henry gave me his name, I neither confirmed or denied that it was the name of our alleged. Unless otherwise directed, I don't plan on pursuing the allegations any further until after we talk with him. At present his allegations appear to be unfounded.

Bob Taylor

ALLEGATIONS (4)

PHONE



True - Hall attempted to contact - gone to room in
Arms - willing to talk

Apr 6, 1979 0730

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THRU: W. C. Seidle, Chief, RC&ES Branch
W. A. Crossman, Chief, Projects Section

FROM: W. G. Hubacek, Reactor Inspector, Projects Section

SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION IRREGULARITIES AT THE
COMANCHE PEAK STEAM ELECTRIC STATION

On March 30, 1979, I received a telephone call from a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who

made the following allegations:

1. During a concrete pour on the Unit 1 containment dome in January 1979, a rain occurred which washed away part of the concrete. The affected area was repaired by use of grout. Workers involved in the repair were requested to "keep it quiet." [REDACTED] who are still at the site have knowledge of this occurrence.
2. The identity of a lot of "Q" and "non Q" pipe (6" or less) being used for Unit 1 has been lost due to obliteration of heat numbers by sand-blasting and loss of identifying tags. Workers are guessing as to the proper identification of the pipe.
3. A steam pipe intended for the Unit 1 turbine fell off a truck and struck a railroad track. It was taken back to a storage area and hidden.

*Yes - connected. Hubacek will keep names
TKS
CRO*

4. Third class helpers are being qualified as welders in less than three months and are being used for safety related welding on Unit 1.

the former site employee
[redacted] stated that he spoke to management (Mr. Webb, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Kirkland) at the site about these matters but failed to receive satisfactory answers. He stated that he would welcome further questions on these matters if we consider them necessary. He requested that his and other names mentioned be kept confidential.

W. G. Hubacek, Reactor Inspector
Projects Section

cc: R. G. Taylor

INVESTIGATION PLAN

IE Investigation Report No. 50-445/79-~~11~~; 50-446/79-~~11~~

Licensee: Texas Utilities Generating Company

Location: Glen Rose, Texas

Facility: Comanche Peak, Units 1 & 2

Type of Licensee: W, PWR, 1150 MWe

Type of Investigation: Allegation

Dates of Investigation: April ~~2-3~~ 2-3 & 13-23, 1979

Dates of Previous Investigation: April 6-

Investigators: R. G. Taylor, D. P. Tomlinson

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION

099014B - investigate four allegations by former Brown & Root rigger.

Wahman
for Reactor Inspector

4/17/79
Date

Wahman 4/17/79
Approved Dat

0830 - 4/18/79

Taylor by telecon reported:

Re: Allegation 1

He had contacted site management with concern. They had substantiated that a washout had in fact been repaired in an unauthorized manner as alleged. JV Hawkins had investigated, including interview of second shift supervisor, who admitted the problem. He indicated that about 1/2 yd had been batched in a small mixer and added to the pour. No report of the action was documented.

Re: Allegation 2

He had not had time to pursue further.

Re: Allegation 3

The reported occurrence involved a pipe and could not be used. It was determined that the nature of the activity could represent an issue if it related to Allegation 1.

Re: Allegation 4

No action planned. Perceived problem, no non-compliance.