

**From:** "Jimmy" <elvin238@intertek.net>  
**To:** <nrcweb@nrc.gov>  
**Date:** Sun, May 20, 2001 2:58 PM  
**Subject:** Comanche Peak/ B&R

Dear Sirs,

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Is this true?

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**From:** David Jaffe  
**To:** Jimmy  
**Date:** 5/29/01 6:59AM  
**Subject:** Re: Comanche Peak/ B&R

Dear Mr. Day

Thank you for your E-Mail concerning Comanche Peak and potential construction quality problems related to Brown & Root. The task of responding to your E-Mail was given to me because I'm the NRC's Project Manager for Comanche Peak. I intend to research available documents and speak to people who were involved in the Comanche Peak construction. Hopefully, I'll have an answer to your questions in a few days.

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**From:** David Jaffe  
**To:** Jimmy  
**Date:** 6/4/01 7:47AM  
**Subject:** Re: Comanche Peak/ B&R

Dear Mr. Day

I've completed my research concerning your questions regarding the performance of Brown & Root during the construction of Comanche Peak. I'd like to speak to you regarding my findings. Please call me at 301-415-1439 or E-Mail me your telephone number, and your hours of availability, and I'll call you.

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**From:** David Jaffe  
**To:** Jimmy  
**Date:** 6/6/01 9:59AM  
**Subject:** Re: Comanche Peak/ B&R

In response to your E-Mail of May 20, 2001, I've reviewed the involvement of Brown & Root in the construction of the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station (CPSES) as reflected in the NRC's "Safety Evaluation Report Related to the Operation of Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2". NUREG-0797. During construction of CPSES, problems with work performed by Brown & Root were identified. As an example, quality assurance problems were found with cable trays, and associated hardware (hangers), that route safety-related cables. The description of this problem and its resolution is contained in Supplement 15 to NUREG-0797, dated July 1988. As to your statement that Brown & Root might have been "banned from the nuclear industry", we've found no evidence that this was the case. If I can be of further assistance, please E-Mail me or call me at 301-415-1439.

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