

Ted Wingfield notes/comments on the [redacted] interview (10-22-03)

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The following are my observations/questions of the [redacted] interview held on 10-22-03.

ASSESSMENT QUESTION	YES/NO	AMPLIFICATION (WHY, WHY NOT, ETC.)
Will raise concerns and has done so before?	YES	
Raises concerns for others?	N/A	Not addressed in interview
Believes others raise concerns without hesitation?	N/A	Not addressed in interview
Knows of someone who has experienced retaliation for raising concerns?	NO	

- Page 7 - When asked if he had been subjected to any sort of management pressure ... 'let's get the job done and forget about safety or look the other way or we'll worry about safety next time' he responded with "... never done that with me. I have heard of instances, but I have never seen it and never experienced it."
- Page 7 - Affirmed that he has stopped a job before in the past to ensure industrial safety
- Page 8 - "[Industrial safety numbers] are going in the wrong direction"
- Page 8 - "I have nothing in the nuclear safety issue"
- Page 9 - "For nuclear safety, I would say they [the general flow of things ... getting better/worse] are improving"
- Page 11 - Chronic problem with Boric acid transfer pump seal leakage
- Page 11 - Chronic problems with the 23 and 13 Charging pumps ... NEEDS TO BE DEVELOPED MORE (what problems or issues exist, have condition reports been written, etc.)
- Page 12 - Controller problems with the "CC unit chargers for some time"
- Page 12 - "There's a lot of repeat work"
- Page 13 - Greater than 5 years ago procedural performance expectations led to multiple reverse power trips on EDGs. (Incidentally ... still have NEOs manipulating the components to synch and load the edg.)
- Page 17 & 18 - "Switchgear ventilation is where we have the majority of the problems with the high D/Ps ... They identified a damper problem nine months ago that had to do with some DP somewhere"
- Page 20 - "[MS52s] ... we have had problems with [EDG] governor over-speeding ... replaced quite a few governors on the pumps" ... When asked if engineering got involved - "Initially, no, but after a couple, yes ... lately they seem to be coming on board a lot earlier"
- Page 23 - "As equipment operators, I feel like we identified the [boron] leakage on a flange many years before it became a real issue ... When it became an industry-wide problem ... carbon steel bolts being eaten away, somebody walked down there and said we have a major problem ... we had been telling them that ... It took somebody else ... some power magnitude higher than NEOs to get it fixed ... about four or five years [ago] ... we still have leakage down there [today]"
- Page 24 through 26 - Good discussion about a sense of 'taking the easy/cheapest way out' - multiple bolt replacements for the above boron leakage problem & charging pump cooler cleaning during the 'grassing season'
- Page 29 - On surveys: "They do it [take surveys] so that they can get numbers to justify whatever they are justifying. I have not seen a lot of correction come from the survey ... On my particular shift, there were a lot of actions."

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- Page 32 & 33 - "... I have gotten to the point where I deal strictly with my immediate supervision ... I have gone higher ... there's no need to go any higher because of the change ... I don't have a whole lot of respect for anybody higher than my supervision anymore ... had a lot of personal situations in the last couple of years. I have been lied to a lot. I've brought up various issues that have seen brick walls ... has gotten better ... still a lot of guys ... that will cut corners [on industrial safety] ... I have lost a lot of confidence in the upper management ..."
- Page 33 - "... they've taken a lot of the responsibility away from the supervision and lower managers"