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1 SINCLAIR: The following interview is being conducted of Mr. Edward
2 C.Egenrieder. Mr. Egenrieder is a Radiation Chemistry Technician,
3 Senior, at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Facility. The present
4 time is 6:29 p.m. Eastern Daylight time, todays date is May 9, excuse
5 me May 8, 1979. The place of the interview is trailer 203 located
6 immediately outside the south gate to the Three Mile Island site.
7 Individuals present for the interview will be interviewer's Mr.
8 Douglas M. Collins, Radiation Specialist, Region II, Nuclear Regulatory
9 Commission. Also present Mr. Gregory P. Yuhas, Radiation Specialist,
10 Region I, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. My name is John R.
11 Sinclair, I'm an investigator, Office of Inspector and Auditor, U. S.
12 Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Prior to the interview being recorded
13 Mr. Egenrieder was provided with a copy of the document explaining his
14 rights concerning information to be obtained regarding the incident at
15 Three Mile Island. In addition, Mr. Egenrieder was apprised of the
16 purpose of the investigation it's scope and the authority by which
17 Congress authorizes the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to conduct an
18 investigation. On the second page of the advisory document Mr. Egenrieder
19 has answered three questions. The questions and Mr. Egenrieder's
20 responses will now be recorded as part of the interview. Mr. Egenrieder
21 the first question: Do you understand the above?

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23 EGENRIEDER: Yes I do.
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1 SINCLAIR: The second question: Do we have your permission to tape
2 the interview?

4 EGENERIEDER: Yes.

6 SINCLAIR: Do you want a copy of the tape or transcript.

8 EGENRIDER: Yes.

10 SINCLAIR: Ok, thank you. At this point, could you briefly give us
11 your background as it relates to employment at Metropolitan Edison and
12 the nuclear industry?

14 EGENERIDER: Well, I have really no prior experience before I came to
15 Met and in the Health Physics portion, I had went to, I had a high
16 school education and I went to Penn State University and took a lot of
17 chemistry courses, I was in a pre-vet program and I never graduated, I
18 quit, but that was, that's all the experience I had before I came to
19 the Met, and I guess my first year with the Met I was up at Crawford.
20 I came down here in 74, and the only really, training I got, theory,
21 training was from Dick Bowers, I guess his films. I guess there was
22 like 12 films or something like that, that was the only training,
23 everything else was on the job.
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1 SINCLAIR: Ok, thank you.

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3 YUHAS: The way this interview will go is, Mr. Collins, myself and
4 Sinclair will always use our last name before we speak, since we're
5 only interviewing one person there's no need for you to do that.
6 That's why we keep saying our name, Yuhas, it's gonna be a little
7 confusing. The way we're gonna go through this is first we're going
8 to give you the opportunity to describe how you became aware of the
9 incident on March 28 and then have you go through your involvement,
10 when you came to work, what duties you were assigned to, for about a
11 three day period, at the conclusion of that part of the interview we
12 will go back and ask specific questions to try to get a little more
13 detail over the high points. After we've gone through asking questions
14 about the involvement for that three day period, then we'll give you
15 an opportunity to bring out any high points that you, you may want to
16 bring out regarding the health physics program, either that which may
17 be complimentary or that which may be derogatory, ok, and then we'll
18 conclude with a few questions of our own in the end. So if you would,
19 please give us now in your own words how you became involved in the
20 incident and what your actions were for the first several days.

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22 EGENRIEDER: Ok, well March 28, I arrived at work approximately 7:00
23 a.m., we walked into the processing center and everyone was standing
24 around, he said there was a radiation emergency so we proceeded back
25 to the Health Physics lab and we got back there and no one seemed to

1 be around, everyone was out in the plant. I guess it was Pete Valez
2 was the first foreman we saw, he came up to me and said go out and
3 check the radiation emergency kits, make sure that they're in operating
4 order, so I went out there and we got the SAM's out and made sure they
5 responded. We put them up against a check source, to check the efficiency,
6 check the batteries in the PIC-6's and proceeded just to wait around
7 until we got some instructions. Meanwhile someone said something, I
8 heard over the walkie-talkie of someone was concerned with discharge
9 to the river. So I went down to RML-7 and got a station effluent
10 sample to bring back to have it counted. I guess it was approximately
11 8:30 or maybe before that, Pete Valez called us and asked us if we
12 were on our way to Goldsboro and I proceeded to tell him that we had
13 never received any instructions where to go. So in about ten minutes
14 I guess, we had finally rounded up the vehicle and we proceeded to
15 Goldsboro to start our, sampling. I'm trying to think, are the locations
16 important. I don't really know, I know we made. . .

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18 YUHAS: Not, not the specific locations, generally what we're interested
19 in is that you went to Goldsboro and what kind of samples did you take
20 and about what did they read and where did this information go, that
21 you collected?

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23 EGENRIEDER: Ok, well I know there was three different place in Goldsboro
24 we took samples. We took the particulate, the charcoal, and the dose
25 rates. We found nothing on all three samples, and I guess then we

1 proceeded, well we monitored, going over to Goldsboro we monitored the
2 dose rate the whole way over and found nothing, and coming back over
3 we did the same and I think it was around the turnpike bridge we
4 noticed a little bit of deflection in the needle, on the dose rate
5 instrument. The air samples that we took, you know, we counted them
6 on the SAM-2's, but I really don't have any faith in the SAM-2, because
7 it seemed like background was always jumping around, you know, one
8 time it would be real stable, the next time you count it it would go
9 nuts. So we always, we saved those samples to have them counted later.
10 We proceeded over to the east coast, I guess it was, first stop was
11 Geyes Church, we took an air sample and then we gave some of them to
12 the helicopter to take over to I think their pickup was the Holy
13 Spirit Hospital, they were suppose to pick some samples up over there.
14 I guess the rest of the day we just, well until about 5:30, 6:00, we
15 just stayed on, I stayed on the monitoring team just doing dose rates.
16 Let's see, I'm trying to think the, ok, about 5:00 I came over to Unit
17 1 control room to help, to relieve some of the people that were over
18 there and found myself totally useless because no one seemed to know
19 what was going on. We just like, stood around and got in everybodys
20 way. At 7:00 I was relieved. I went back over to the observation
21 center to go, to leave for home, and they come up to me and ask if I'd
22 go back out on the monitoring team and we proceeded north out Route
23 441 monitoring mostly dose rates, We were told to just track the
24 plume. So we got up to around Lower Squire township on Fuller Mill
25 Road and we noticed 13 mr/hr, so, this was right outside the little

1 village of Shopes Gardens. So I decided to go into Shopes Gardens and
2 take dose rates in there, see if there's any appreciable difference
3 cause that was closer to the site. We went in there, we grabbed some
4 samples, we, you know, once again we counted them on SAM-2 but we saw
5 nothin, so we just continued tracking the plume. We went into Rediford
6 and that's when it finally dropped down to less than .1, so I guess it
7 was about 12:30 that night we finally got back to the observation
8 center. I went home. The next morning, I was assigned to the Unit 1
9 control room again, and I guess it was about 8:00, Ken Bryan, the
10 shift supervisor, came up to me and said I want a sample of the Unit 1
11 letdowns so that we can go into cold shutdown we got to know boron,
12 and I told him there was no way I was gonna go into the nuke sampling
13 room and get a sample for him and we looked at the prints and we came
14 up on a, we figured out that we could sample the drain off of RML-1.
15 We could flush that right to the floor, then grab a Unit 1 letdown
16 sample through there. So he agreed it would be a good sample point so
17 he said well hold off until we get the, I think it was the "B" bleed
18 tank at the time, he said that's on clean-up right now we're gonna
19 take it off then you can get both samples at the same time and run
20 them, to minimize you time your time that you have to spend in the
21 radio chem lab. Meanwhile I had gotten relieved, and I went over to
22 the observation center and was sent up in the helicopter, to do some
23 monitoring up there. Earlier that day they got a, I think it was a
24 three-hundred or eight-hundred mr over the Unit 2 stack, so they told
25 me to go up and verify that reading. So we kept inching our way

1 toward the stack and I guess we were about ten feet over it and I got
2 a 3R reading. So, instructions came from ECS, I called all my reading
3 to ECS by the way, ok, and the ECS came over and told us to proceed in
4 a, I think it was a north easterly direction, just keep tracking the
5 plume. So we kept tracking and tracking and when we finally got over
6 to the mountain range to the north of Route 22, and it was still
7 reading 8 mr/hr so I called him back and told him I thought the instrument
8 might have been contaminated, or you know, just malfunctioning. So we
9 came back and got three more instruments. We got a, got another, got
10 an E-520, I got an RM-14, another R02 and I think the NS, Dale Ferguson
11 gave me one of his digi meters or whatever it is. I don't know exactly
12 what it's called, but I took all four of them, it was, up to verify.
13 We got no significant, once we got away from the island we got no
14 significant levels at all. So I came back down and I, I had no idea
15 what time it was, you know by this time, and they sent me over, told
16 the helicopter to come back, and pick up some lead containers, go over
17 to the Hershey Medical Center and pick up some lead containers for, to
18 send out the letdown samples in. So we landed, we came back to the
19 observation center and landed, and was getting ready to go home when
20 Bob McCann came up to me and said would you mind working a couple
21 hours. So I said well, I asked him what it was He said well we gotta
22 get the TLD system started, he said they got the equipment over here.
23 I said, everything's a mess. So I went up to the top floor of the
24 observation center and there, the TLD's were scattered all over the
25 place, the TLD machine had just been set up. So he said, well work on

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1 this and you know, when you get it finished then you can go home. So
2 I spend forty-eight hours getting the TLD system straightened
3 out. I got very little support from the health physics foreman at the
4 time. The only one who cared was Fred Huwe, everytime I asked him for
5 something he was there to, you know, support me. But, they sent me no
6 other technicians to help; strictly all me. We had to, we had to zero
7 all the badges that had not been issued cause they received approximately
8 400 mr while they were in the plume down in the TLD trailer, so I
9 guess that was, that would mean at Saturday morning at 7:00 I finally
10 went home. I didn't come back, I came back out Saturday night to see
11 if I could help out and they told me to go the hell home and come back
12 Sunday morning because I wasn't scheduled to work. So I came out
13 Sunday morning, and God, I don't even know what I . . . I think, I
14 think I was assigned back to the Unit 1, no, Unit 2 control room at
15 the time and all I did over there at that time was do a turbine build-
16 ing survey and that was it.

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18 YUHAS: Thank you very much, I'm sure that management must appreciate
19 your dedication.

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21 EGENRIEDER: Well the only response I got from management, from some
22 of my foremen said well you really screwed up that system, you know. .
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1 YUHAS: Ok we'll talk about that later. Alright, I'd like now to go
2 back and start picking up specifics. When you were in the process
3 center, did you hear the site emergency radiation alarm sounded or any
4 word passed declaring a site radiation emergency?

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6 EGENRIEDER: No, I can't really say that I did because I know we came
7 in the, we came in the plant that day, there was me and two other
8 technicians that arrived at the same time and I said uhoh looks like
9 we have trouble because there was no vapor coming out of the cooling
10 towers and you could see some residual steam coming off of the release,
11 and we walked in and that's when they said they had a radiation emergency.
12 I hadn't heard no alarms.

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14 YUHAS: When you went to the ECS station in Unit 1, chem lab HP area.

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17 EGENRIEDER: HP area.

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19 YUHAS: Ok. Was any other foreman other than Pete Valez in there. . .

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21 EGENRIEDER: There was . . .

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23 YUHAS: Establishing the ECS?
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1 EGENRIEDER: No, at that time, you know, there was no, like I got there
2 before, I guess, Pete, Pete did. I think Pete came in right after us,
3 and his first instructions was go do the, go take care of the kits. I
4 think, I think when I got there, there really had not been an emergency
5 declared, you know, real a real emergency. I'm not sure but I was
6 under the impression that it had not been established yet, he was just
7 sending us out to check to make sure in case there was, we'd be ready.

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9 YUHAS: When you got out to the kits, did you find all the kits in
10 order?

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12 EGENRIEDER: Well there was, only three of the kits were there and two
13 of them checked out. Two of them responded, the other one we couldn't
14 get working at all.

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16 YUHAS: How many kits are normally suppose to be in the process room?

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18 EGENRIEDER: Four.

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20 YUHAS: Where was the forth kit?

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22 EGENRIEDER: In the, Tom Mulleavy's office. I don't know if was out
23 of, I think it was out of commission, because I believe we went in to
24 check it and it wasn't responding.
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1 YUHAS: To make it clear now, you went out to the process center, you
2 found three kits, is that correct?

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4 EGENRIEDER: Right.

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6 YUHAS: And in one kit, the SAM-2 was not operating?

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8 EGENRIEDER: Correct.

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10 YUHAS: What specifically was wrong with the SAM-2?

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12 EGENRIEDER: It just didn't count, you know. . .

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14 YUHAS: No response.

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16 EGENRIEDER: Right.

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18 YUHAS: And to the best of your knowledge the forth kit was in, in
19 Mulleavy's office?

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21 EGENRIEDER: Well, I know it was in there and I'm pretty sure it was
22 inoperative. Because I think I remember going in there, it was either
23 me or the guy that was assigned to me, went in and checked it.
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1 COLLINS: Who was the other individual with you?

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3 EGENRIEDER: Jim Dupes. He went throughout, he was with me almost the
4 whole day, doing the monitoring. . .

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6 YUHAS: After you checked the k'its out, did you tag the kit with the
7 bag, with the bad SAM-2, did you put a piece of tape on it saying the
8 SAM-2 doesn't work or anything like that?

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10 EGENRIEDER: No we didn't, we put it back and I guess, I don't know
11 everything was sort of rushed that day and I know, the one team came
12 out and we gave them the one that worked, the one that we had put back
13 together, you know, put it back in the suitcase. We gave them that
14 one and then we grabbed the other one, when we were told to go to
15 Goldsboro and then the third party came out and grabbed one and we
16 said hey well that one doesn't work, but I think they left with it
17 anyhow.

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19 YUHAS: Was the third party composed of Mr. Leech and someone else and
20 someone else, an auditor?

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22 EGENRIEDER: Right, that's correct.

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24 YUHAS: Ok, did they have a designation when they picked up the bad
25 kit?

1 EGENRIEDER: Yeah, they were to go to Goldsboro.

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3 YUHAS: Do you know what team they were. were they team A, B or C or
4 was it was it . . . ?

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6 EGENRIEDER: I, I can't really um, I, I'm not really sure at the time,
7 I think they were team Charlie,, I believe. But, I think Alpha,
8 originally team Alpha was the first one sent out, and they were originally
9 told by one foreman to go offsite and meanwhile another foreman had
10 called him and told him to grab some samples on site. So I think then
11 we became team Bravo and they sent us off towards Goldsboro and they
12 had dispatched, comprised of Tom Leech up to Goldsboro and they were
13 to go to send Tom Thompson by helicopter to Goldsboro, but I guess
14 they realized, you know, they didn't have any kits to support it.

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16 YUHAS: So for team Bravo, I have Egenrieder. . .

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18 EGENRIEDER: And Dupes.

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20 YUHAS: Ok. Team Charlie, I have Leech and an operator.

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22 EGENRIEDER: And Jim Randisi was the operator.

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24 YUHAS: Jim Randisi?
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1 EGENRIEDER: Right.

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3 YUHAS: And do you know who team Alpha was?

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5 EGENRIEDER: Ken Burkholder and Dave Ethridge.

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7 YUHAS: Ok, fine thank you, that's very helpful.

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9 COLLINS: You mentioned that you took a sample, prior to going out, of
10 RML-7?

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12 EGENRIEDER: Right.

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14 COLLINS: Who told you to do that and what did you do with the sample
15 after you collected it?

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17 EGENRIEDER: Well no one really told me. I just heard them, you know,
18 through the walkie-talkie, I heard them talking about it because
19 everyone, it seemed like everybody was on a walkie-talkie station
20 somewhere and I heard about it, so I one of the, the outputtings
21 operator came into the processing center. He helped us open the kits
22 and everything, and I said how about letting me use your truck so I
23 can go down and get this for him because we have the sample bottles
24 right in the emergency kits. So I just called in and told them, you
25 know, we checked the kits out and I was gonna go down and grab it for

1 him. So I went down and I came back up and I gave it to one, I don't
2 know, one of our foremen came out to make sure, you know, that the
3 teams had been dispatched and I gave it to him and I have no idea what
4 happened to it after that.

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6 COLLINS: How was the sample identified, do you recall?

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8 EGENRIEDER: I wrote RML-7 on the. . . .

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10 COLLINS: In the time column?

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12 EGENRIEDER: Yes. Now I do believe, going back into the, you know,
13 after we got back into the HP area, you know, when we took over
14 Unit 1 again, I did notice a printout saying RML-7 you know, and it
15 was around the time that I had sampled it. But the, I think the
16 background was so high on the GeLi then that you know, that that
17 results, you know, you couldn't really say that they were accurate.

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19 YUHAS: About 8:30 you were dispatched by Mr. Valez, well Mr. Valez
20 contacted you but did not dispatch you, ok, you mentioned it took you
21 ten minutes to find a vehicle, was this after you were told by Valez
22 to go to Goldsboro or were you contacted by radio from Mulleavy to go
23 to Goldsboro and then

1 EGENRIEDER: No we we were contacted by Pete over the radio to go, ok.
2 We run into this everytime you when a drill, you know, you don't have
3 a vehicle and it seems everyone's reluctant to give you the keys. So
4 what finally happened, I flagged the operator down, the outputtings
5 operator and I stoled his truck. Ok simple as that. I said hey, we
6 need it, we're gone, and away we went.

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8 YUHAS: So it would be fair to say then that you actually commendered
9 the vehicle.

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11 EGENRIEDER: That's right.

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13 YUHAS: Since . . .

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15 EGENRIEDER: Right.

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17 YUHAS: . . . no vehicle was available.

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19 EGENRIEDER: It was, it was up to us to get our own vehicle, and I
20 know at the time team Charlie, he took his own personal vehicle so he
21 could get going.

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23 YUHAS: Ok. Good. Then you went to Goldsboro for a period of two to
24 three hours?
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1 EGENRIEDER: Approximately, that right. We were, we were told to go
2 outside Goldsboro and then when we got those samples we had to go, see
3 we were out side, team Charlie was at the marina, right at the edge of
4 the river and their inverter didn't work, their air sampler didn't
5 work, and their SAM-2 didn't work so we had to go take all their, you
6 know, we had to go back them up.

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8 YUHAS: Team Charlie, did when you checked out that kit did you find
9 that the inverter did not work?

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11 EGENRIEDER: Well, no the inverters we didn't even get to, ok, because.

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14 YUHAS: Did you check out the air sampler, did it work?

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16 EGENRIEDER: Yes, I think it was just the fact the inverter, the
17 inverter might have been bad, in fact he might not even know how to
18 use it, you know, we just went and took our sample and then left to
19 our next destination and just left them behind, you know, because we
20 thought they were gonna go back to the plant.

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22 YUHAS: Did you take the, well they hadn't collected any air sample
23 right?
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1 EGENRIEDER: No we went and got one.

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3 YUHAS: Ok you got it . . .

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5 EGENRIEDER: We got it where they were, we just took over their position.

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7 YUHAS: Could you tell us a little bit about your training with the
8 SAM-2?

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10 EGENRIEDER: I think it consisted of one day, and a just real rush
11 affair, you put this button in this position, you know, follow the
12 procedure and that was about it.

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14 YUHAS: Was was there a copy of the procedure, of the emergency procedure
15 that you took?

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17 EGENRIEDER: Yes, yes.

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19 YUHAS: Did the procedure work?

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21 EGENRIEDER: Well, I'll put it this way, we got, we got counts. I was
22 not, I wouldn't say it worked. You know, you just set it up the way
23 it says and you press the start button, you saw counts register, ok,
24 but like I said the earlier, you know, one time you press the button,
25 you get no background, the next time you get a couple thousand counts
background, so you know, personally I didn't think they worked at all.

1 YUHAS: Under what principal does the SAM-2 instrument or SAM-2 detector
2 work?

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4 EGENRIEDER: Well, they had it set up, they use a Barrium 133 standard
5 and they're suppose to be, I don't know they have a threshold and a
6 the window I guess, the threshold is supposedly right at the peak of
7 barrium, instead of, you know, the factorys set it up, and the window
8 monitors right around the peak, you know, I don't really know exactly
9 the theory behind it, and supposedly all you're seeing is the 364 peak
10 which would be the iodine 131 peak, but you know, as far as we saw
11 what. . .

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13 YUHAS: In your training was it covered, the effect that a background
14 due to the noble gases would have on that detector?

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16 EGENRIEDER: Well they told us in training that it wasn't, could
17 really shield out the noble gases by setting the threshold at 364 and
18 the window right around it, you know. . .

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20 YUHAS: Who provided this training?

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22 EGENRIEDER: I really couldn't tell you.

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24 YUHAS: How long ago was the training provided?
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1 EGENRIEDER: About two years. Right after we got this, the emergency
2 kits.

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4 YUHAS: Since that time, have you or anyone else collected an air
5 sample, gone out and taken a SAM-2 and counted it just to develop a
6 familiarity and a sense of self-confidence in the instrument?

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8 EGENRIEDER: No, never. All we do, is I think it's once a quarter we,
9 we bring the emergency kits back to the lab. We set them up and run
10 the, you know, expose them to that barrium 133 standard and check the
11 efficiency, make sure you're getting roughly the same counts that it
12 says you should be getting.

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14 YUHAS: When you were taking these readings in the field, did you have
15 any great confidence in the readings?

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17 EGENRIEDER: No, not really. No.

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19 YUHAS: What was the highest air sample that you attributed to iodine,
20 based on the SAM-2 count.

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22 EGENRIEDER: Oh, . . . I kinda think it was the one, the very first
23 one we took, I believe had more, more counts than any of them, you
24 know, more net counts than any of them. I believe, and I think if I'm
25 not mistaken, after a while we didn't even bother counting them on the

1 SAM-2, you know, we just decided we'll hold them and then we gave them
2 to somebody else to count.

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4 YUHAS: Were you told to do that, via the radio, or was that a decision
5 you made based on your own experiences with it?

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7 EGENRIEDER: I think, I think I called into them, I know exactly where
8 we were, we were up on Peck's Road overlooking Three Mile Island and
9 we were just, we were told there to wait for further instructions. We
10 had gotten our air sample right around 441 and the they, they would
11 ask to give us a location outside the plume so we could go and count
12 it, so we, you know, they told us to go there and sit there and wait
13 for further instructions. So meanwhile, we just took the SAM-2 out of
14 the truck and set it up and left it warm up they say you should wait,
15 let it warm up for fifteen minutes before you use it, ok, so we left
16 it sit there and sit there and sit there, and then we did counting,
17 and we got nothing. So I think it was then I called him and said well
18 I don't really believe, you know, I don't believe the SAM-2 is working
19 properly, so I, I gave all my samples to someone but I forget exactly
20 who, oh ok that was right before our, our relief, and what did I do. .
21 . I brought the samples back to the observation center and gave them
22 to somebody but I have no idea who it was. It was one of our foremen.

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24 YUHAS: Was there an alternate counting capability, for counting air
25 samples for iodine?

1 EGENRIEDER: The only one I knew of was the one, I guess the state had
2 a GeLi somewhere, the one where the helicopter was flying to, that's
3 all, because all, at that time all our GeLi's were kaput because they
4 were, you know, in the high background areas.

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6 YUHAS: Alright, about five o'clock you returned to the plant and you
7 went to the Unit 1 control room, excuse me. . .

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9 COLLINS: Let me, before we move on from this early morning, early
10 morning activities, you mentioned, I think earlier that you had provided
11 some of your samples to a helicopter to be flown to Holy Cross Hospital?

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13 EGENRIEDER: There was, there was one, I'm trying to, I can't remember
14 which one it was but they told us, ok, they were going to send it, it
15 was right after the Geyes Church parking lot, they said they'll send a
16 helicopter over, we were suppose to give him, give him one of the
17 samples so they could take it off for analysis but I can't remember
18 which one it was.

19
20 COLLINS: Who's helicopter was this?

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22 EGENRIEDER: At that time it was the State Police helicopter.

23
24 COLLINS: Who was on the helicopter from TMI, or was there anyone?
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1 EGENRIEDER: Yeah, it was one of the guard sargeants. The newest one,
2 now I don't know which one it is. It's the one that they, they brought
3 in off the street and made him a sargeant, it was him. I don't know
4 his name.

5
6 COLLINS: Did you provide any more than that one initial sample,
7 either at that time or any later in the day?

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9 EGENRIEDER: I believe that was the only one we sent, that one. I
10 kinda think it was the very first one we took over there in Goldsboro,
11 you know, the one where we got the appreciable amount of counts on
12 it.

13
14 COLLINS: And you don't recall what that number was, for that sample?

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16 EGENRIEDER: No, I have no idea.

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18 COLLINS: Were you keeping any log or written record, your results. .

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21 EGENRIEDER: Right, we, we gave in, when we called our results to the
22 ECS we gave them the dose rate and then we gave them the efficiency of
23 the machine and then the net counts per minute, ok, we didn't figure
24 out the microcuries per cc and I did keep all that. I kept that and
25 the charcoal filter that we drew during the day and while we were at

1 the Middletown Swim Club it was suppose to be a low background area
2 and we were getting like thirty-thousand counts per minute on the SAM-
3 2, so I took some smears in that area and I gave all that stuff to the
4 foremen in the observation center when we came back and you know, I
5 have no idea what happen to them after that.

6
7 COLLINS: And you don't recall who the foreman was?

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9 EGENRIEDER: No I don't.

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11 COLLINS: Have you seen any of these records since the incident?

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13 EGENRIEDER: No I haven't, none.

14
15 YUHAS: I got you going back to the Unit 1 control room now, and you
16 made a statement earlier, you said, " No one seemed to know what was
17 going on.", can you amplify that a little bit for us?

18
19 EGENRIEDER: Well, I guess it was Tom Mulleavy was there at the time
20 in charge and like he just went back and forth, he didn't really have
21 the time to sit down and explain to us exactly what was happening, you
22 know, it was just go do this, go do that, you know. We didn't really
23 understand exactly what had happened, you know, like at the time I
24 wasn't familiar with the radiation levels in Unit 1, you know in the
25 HP area and stuff like that. In fact it wasn't until I came back to

1 the control room at five o'clock that I had realized the ECS wasn't in
2 the Unit 1 HP lab anymore, you know. It was just that, I guess it was
3 a lack of communication because everyone was just so tied up with, you
4 know, with everything else. We just like stood around like dummies,
5 you know, until someone needed something.

6
7 YUHAS: In the Unit 1 control room did you, were they on masks at the
8 time, was there high air activity in the Unit 1 control room?

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10 EGENRIEDER: Let me see, when we, if I remember correctly when I first
11 got there we were all in masks and then somewhere during the course of
12 the time they called over and said he had got the results of the air
13 sample and it was ok to take them off. It was strictly xenon. So we
14 removed them, but then once you got outside the fourth floor at the
15 elevator you had to put them back on to go into the turbine building.

16
17 YUHAS: While you were in the control room did you go over and look at
18 the radiation monitoring panels?

19
20 EGENRIEDER: Yeah, yeah that's when I was aware of the ops building, I
21 guess it was RMG, RMG-4, I guess the one in the hot machine shop and
22 then the one's in the nuke sampling room, and stuff.

23
24 YUHAS: Did you look at the radiation monitoring indication for the
25 control room air?

1 EGENRIEDER: No I didn't.

2
3 YUHAS: Are you aware. . .

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5 EGENRIEDER: No, cause I couldn't get, you know, I know just from like
6 looking standing behind the panel, you know, back as you first come in
7 I, I can recognize the G printouts, you know, which modules are for
8 the G monitors, but like the RMA's I'm not sure which one's they are.
9 I have to go up right at the strip chart and look, and at the time I
10 didn't wanna go past the lines, you know, because there were just too
11 many people up there.

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13 SINCLAIR: We're going to break to change the tape at this point, the
14 time is 7 p.m. eastern daylight time.

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16 SINCLAIR: This is Sinclair again, the time is still 7:00. We're
17 continuing the interview with Mr. Egenrieder.

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19 YUHAS: Could you describe for me the Unit 1 control room air monitoring
20 system?

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22 EGENRIEDER: Well there's RMG-1 which sits right behind the shift
23 foremen's desk and then the only other one there is is the RMA-1 which
24 is the atmospheric monitor for the entire control building, that's,
25 that's it. Oh, no, they did have a, they had a low volume continual
air sampler going at the time.

1 YUHAS: Could you describe the RMA-1, where it takes the suction, and
2 what indications can we draw from it?

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4 EGENRIEDER: I believe it the, it's the inlet before the filters, I
5 believe. I don't exactly know, you know, like we got no training at
6 all on the atmospheric monitors.

7
8 YUHAS: Do you know what indications RMA-1 can provide?

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10 EGENRIEDER: Right. Particulate, iodine, and gas. You know, if we
11 get an increase what we do, we just go to the sensitivities, you know,
12 and you take your counts per minute and divide it by your sensitivities
13 and you come up with a cc, a micro-curie per cc type.

14
15 YUHAS: When you were put on masks, did anyone explain to you why you
16 were on masks?

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18 EGENRIEDER: No. Well I walked into it while we were already in
19 masks, ok and I just took for granted that it was you know an iodine
20 problem. Yet I was pretty cautious because I saw some NRC people
21 walking around in half-face respirators, you know.

22
23 YUHAS: What type of filters were on the, on the masks that you were
24 wearing?
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1 EGENRIEDER: We had the iodine charcoals.

2
3 YUHAS: So, this, by the night of the twenty-eighth, someone had
4 provided the iodine cartridges.

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6 EGENRIEDER: Well, I think it was even the twenty-seventh we had some,
7 didn't we have some that day?

8
9 YUHAS: No the twenty-eighth was the day . . .

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11 EGENRIEDER: Oh yeah, ok right, the twenty-eighth right, excuse me,
12 right. I'm pretty sure because, I think that's when we picked them
13 off at the north gate as we came in everybody had to have one, when
14 they crossed the north gate area.

15
16 YUHAS: Ok, fine. But you, you're not familiar enough with the system
17 to go over and understand what the readings are?

18
19 EGENRIEDER: I don't know exactly what you mean, I mean I could go to
20 the strip charts and say ok, well, you know, here, . . .

21
22 YUHAS: What my curiosity stems from is that apparently you had a
23 noble gas problem, now if someone had done half lives to show it was
24 less than 2-hour a half hour you had the control room or the control
25 tower building air monitors, did anyone go over and look to see if the
iodine channels were above the alarm set point for wearing of masks?

1 EGENRIEDER: Well I really, I couldn't tell you that because like I
2 say, when we got there they were already in them and I think it was
3 Ken Bryan, the shift supervisor, was standing there at the monitors
4 taking the readings off of them, but you know I just, cause I was only
5 in there a couple minutes when they came out through and said, well no
6 maybe a half hour, when they came through and said we could remove the
7 respirators.

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9 YUHAS: You weren't in the control room very long, at 1900 you stated
10 that you were sent back out on another environmental monitoring survey
11 team.

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13 EGENRIEDER: Right, We just, we just were told to go in and relieve the
14 guys so they could come out and eat, cause they had been in there all
15 day.

16
17 YUHAS: Ok. Did you assume the team Bravo responsibility again?

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19 EGENRIEDER: I really couldn't tell you what, what team it was. I
20 know, it was our chemistry foreman was on a team by himself, and he
21 was getting tired so he requested to have someone go along with him,
22 you know, because we were going to be out tracking the plume, so you
23 know, they assigned me to it. I have no idea what. . .
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1 YUHAS: Which chemistry foreman?

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3 EGENRIEDER: Ed Houser.

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5 YUHAS: So you and Ed Howser went out 441 to through Lower Swatara
6 Township.

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8 EGENRIEDER: Right.

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10 YUHAS: What instrument were you using when you got the 13 millirem
11 per hour?

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13 EGENRIEDER: I believe we had a PIC, I know we had a PIC-6, because it
14 was the same kit that I was using earlier, and I think Ed Houser had
15 an E-520 and they both jived.

16
17 YUHAS: Do you have any other questions before he went home that
18 night?

19
20 COLLINS: Yes, you mentioned that Ken Ryan wanted you to take, wanted
21 you to take a Unit 2 letdown sample. . .

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23 EGENRIEDER: No, it was a Unit 1,

1 COLLINS: Unit 1?

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3 EGENRIEDER: Unit 1 letdown. They wanted it so they could go into
4 decay heat, they wanted to know what the boron was.

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6 YUHAS: That's, that's on the twenty-ninth now?

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8 COLLINS: Was that the twenty-ninth?

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10 EGENRIEDER: Right. This was the twenty-ninth when we came in.

11
12 YUHAS: You don't have any other questions. . .?

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14 COLLINS: Not on the twenty-eighth.

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16 EGENRIEDER: I should, maybe I ought to point this out, the place
17 where we got the 13mr, we didn't, we didn't really think, we got the
18 reading and right away I said to Ed, I said well let's go into Shopes
19 Gardens and check out in there and see if it's any higher. So we went
20 around there and came back to the point ~~where~~ we were gonna get an air
21 sample then, but it was gone, we ~~couldn't~~ find it, so we know, we just
22 kept tracking around the area. ~~we~~ didn't find any dam thing, the
23 highest we got then was 6mr.
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1 YUHAS: Ok, fine. So you went home about midnight on the twenty-
2 eighth?

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4 EGENRIEDER: About twelve-thirty, quarter to one.

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6 YUHAS: Ok. And you returned about 0900 the following morning?

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8 EGENRIEDER: No seven, seven o'clock.

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10 YUHAS: 0700 the following morning. Ok, what was the condition in the
11 Unit 1 control room at that time?

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13 EGENRIEDER: Who was it? I guess Bob McCann was the foreman there,
14 and you know, he was just like running around, you know, answering
15 this phone and picking up you know, and once again, you know, we were
16 just standing around waiting for, you know, for instructions and
17 that's when Ken Bryan came over to us, you said that. We were just
18 sitting there mostly watching the, I think it was Bev Good was there
19 at the time taking the readings from the Environmental Monitoring
20 teams and we were just looking to see what calculations they had.

21
22 YUHAS: Mr. Collins you had a question on on what else?

23
24 COLLINS: I was going to ask, you indicated that you told Mr. Bryan
25 you would not take a sample in the sample room, what were the indications,
what data did you have available. . .

1 EGENRIEDER: Well we. . .

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3 COLLINS: . . . that lead you not to want to go to the sample room?

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5 EGENRIEDER: Well we heard through the grapevine that the sample
6 cooler for Unit 2 was reading 75R, ok, and we heard it was reading
7 like 3R general area, and I knew what was involved, you know. The
8 fact that you had a valve in, you know, make sure the valve lineup was
9 right for Unit 1, you know. You had a stand there right over that
10 cooler and I was not gonna be subjected to that, cause you know, not
11 when I could go out into the aux building and get one.

12
13 COLLINS: So you did not have paper copies of surveys to review to
14 come to that conclusion?

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16 EGENRIEDER: No, at that point, no. Cause they probably were down in
17 the HP lab and we were in the control room.

18
19 COLLINS: Do you know who took over that project after. . .

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21 EGENRIEDER: Well, it, the project, you know, once we discovered that
22 we could get it all, get it down at the RML-1, it was just dropped
23 until they got that, I think it was the "B" bleed tank, until they got
24 that cleaned up. Because they said we'll sample them both at one time,
25 so meanwhile we had gotten relieved, and I was up in the helicopter

1 and came down and was out in the TLD's and I think the next time I
2 heard anything about it was when Ed Houser brought his badge over to
3 me and said read this.

4
5 YUHAS: I might point out that that was the Unit 2 letdown sample that
6 Howser had taken.

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8 EGENRIEDER: No, I think they had gotten both of them that day, I
9 think they got them both at one time.

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11 YUHAS: You're fairly confident. . .

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13 EGENRIEDER: I'm. . . .

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15 YUHAS: . . .that Houser also took a Unit 1. . .

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17 EGENRIEDER: I'm. . . .

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19 YUHAS: . . . letdown sample?

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21 EGENRIEDER I'm positive that he got a Unit 1 sample, because I couldn't
22 believe it. I said where did you get it and he told me. I said you
23 gotta be kidding me. I said we had it all planned out, where to get
24 it. In fact there was two places, one of the aux operators was there
25 we were talking about he said you could get it right off one of the

1 makeup transmitters, its the same line, he said you coulda got it off
2 of that which is in the 281 level of the aux building.

3
4 COLLINS: Which operator called this information to your attention?

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6 EGENRIEDER: It was Roland Baynard.

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8 COLLINS: This is after the fact though, at the observation center. .

9 . .
10
11 EGENRIEDER: No, this was, this was before this was in the morning you
12 know when we had reviewed it, about RML-1. He came in to us and said
13 well if that doesn't work you could get it off of the makeup transmitter.

14
15 COLLINS: This is then after 0700. . .

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17 EGENRIEDER: Right.

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19 COLLINS: . . . and this is Ken Bryan who is on days or was or was he
20 leaving from the night shift.

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22 EGENRIEDER: I really couldn't tell you that, ok, I have no idea what
23 shift he was working all I know is he came up to me. . . it was me and
24 Mike Kuhn, he addressed both of us, and said let's go do it, you know,
25 we need one and I said no way.

1 COLLINS: There appears to be a . . . it appears at this point you
2 were taking instructions from the operations people directly, it that
3 a correct assumption, there does not appear to be a foreman in here
4 anywhere.

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6 EGENRIEDER: Well Bob McCann was there but you know it's just like
7 normal routine, we always answer to the operations. . . you know. If
8 they want something they get it, you know, it's just the way it is.

9
10 YUHAS: Let me make this clear, Houser told you personally that he had
11 taken the Unit 1 letdown sample at the nuclear sample room?

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13 EGENRIEDER: That's a fact.

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15 YUHAS: Ok. . .

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17 EGENRIEDER: I'm almost positive of that.

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19 YUHAS: The reason why we're making such a point of this, is this is
20 contradictory, and it's certainly new information to us. We have been
21 at a loss to explain some of the exposure that has been involved, for
22 instance the difference between exposure to Valez and How and Houser
23 took when they drew the Unit 2 letdown sample, Houser had taken significantly
24 more, and this was the first indication we have heard that Houser may
25 have gone in and taken the Unit 1 letdown sample, sometime during the
day.

1 EGENRIEDER: Well, no I was under the impression that all three samples
2 were gotten at one, . . . well I shouldn't say, both the letdown
3 samples were taken at one time from what I understand.

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5 YUHAS: Ok, and Houser, Houser told you that?

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7 EGENRIEDER: Right, cause in fact, the other day I was talking to him
8 about it and I said well you know personally I don't think you got
9 yours, . . . I said you did, you drew the samples right, and he said
10 yes, and I said well I don't really think you got your exposure from
11 Unit 2. I think you got your exposure when you went over to Unit 1
12 and did the valve line up, cause the sample coolers and all the valves
13 for you know, the lineups are right on the same wall I said that's
14 where I think you got yours, cause Unit 2 sample was lined up the
15 right way because they had put it on recirc right at the trip cause we
16 had to surveillance it, you have to get the sample, so that was lined
17 up properly. So all you have to do is really open up, I guess the CAD
18 5 and 10 and the valve in the sink and you coulda got your flow from
19 Unit 2. But, I'm almost positive that he gave them the boron number
20 for, you know, Unit 1's letdown at the time, cause then he also said
21 that they got the, they got the bleed tank sample down in the aux
22 building.

23
24 COLLI'S: So in addition to these two samples from primary sample
25 roc., Houser said he also was involved in taking a "B" bleed tank
sample that morning in the aux building.

1 EGENRIEDER: Well, it would have been in the evening.

2
3 COLLINS: That evening.

4
5 YUHAS: For the record is that was Unit 2 bleed tank?

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7 EGENRIEDER: No that's Unit 1. That's the tank, it's either the B or
8 the C, that's what they were going to use to makeup to the letdown
9 when they went on, when they went on the decay heat in Unit 1.

10
11 YUHAS: Ok, very good, thank you. Ok, that evening you went back out
12 on environmental surveys, is that right, that day actually, that was
13 the day still?

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15 EGENRIEDER: Yeah this was the day, this was, right. . .

16
17 YUHAS: Friday the twenty-ninth, and you stated to us that you did a
18 helicopter survey, initially with a meter that read 3r ten feet above
19 the stack.

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21 EGENRIEDER: Right.

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23 YUHAS: What meter was that?
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1 EGENRIEDER: An R02. . . R02A, I believe it was, the R02A.

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3 YUHAS: Can you describe the methodology of taking the sample, were
4 you seating in the helicopter, with the meter out the window, or was
5 it on you lap, or. . . .

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7 EGENRIEDER: No, I was. . . .

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9 YUHAS: . . . Open windows, closed window?

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11 EGENRIEDER: Well. . . . I'm trying to think, we, we worked our way
12 over and I was doing a, I was doing a closed window the whole time.
13 It was the helicopter that they took the door off on the passenger
14 side, so I just held out my arm out the whole time and I think when,
15 when I. . . . until I found the plume, ok, the direction the plume was
16 coming from, like we just kept circling around, you know, like the
17 reactor building area until we found the direction, and then once we
18 zeroed in on the direction it was coming we inched our way over towards
19 the plume until I got the highest reading and then I did open and
20 close the window. . . . I think it was almost, approximately the same.
21 I can't, I can't remember I didn't write it down, I called the readings
22 in as I was getting them, over to the ECS.

23
24 YUHAS: What effect do you suppose an open window reading on an R02
25 would have if you had air blowing on the instrument?

1 EGENRIEDER: Could you say that again.

2
3 YUHAS: What effect would, for instance a relative motion of either
4 the helicopter blades creating a downdraft or just holding the window
5 out and air blowing on it, on the end of the R02? Were you holding it
6 so that the. . .

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8 EGENRIEDER: I was holding it, I was holding the meter down, so that
9 the detector was shining right on the, right at the stack.

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11 YUHAS: Right at the stack. . .

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13 EGENRIEDER: Right at the stack, right.

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15 YUHAS: Ok. Was the helicopter relatively stationary there?

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17 EGENRIEDER: Yeah, well it was, yeah cause like we were in the, I
18 couldn't believe I kept saying, were not moving, we were just perfectly
19 still, just hovering right there, you know.

20
21 YUHAS: And was there a lot of turbulent air from the rotor blades?

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23 EGENRIEDER: It didn't seem to be, no.

1 YUHAS: Very interesting. And about how long did you take the reading?

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3 EGENRIEDER: Well we just, we just kept going around you know, I don't
4 know I just held it out there for maybe ten fifteen seconds and
5 got the reading and then we got out of the way you know, and then we
6 just kept circling you know, it was weird because you know, the direction
7 just kept changing all the time one time it would right west the next
8 time it would be east, you know, it was a hard, hard thing to track and
9 then finally we started, you know widening the circumference of our
10 search and we finally ended up going northwest. Right between the Unit
11 1 cooling towers is where this plume went. So we proceeded in that
12 direction up towards. . . I guess we went into Royaltun and they
13 chased us up to Highspire and check out up there and then we just
14 kept, you know, circling the area.

15
16 COLLINS: Who's helicopter was this at this point, do you recall?

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18 EGENRIEDER: It was the one from Gettysburg, it was the one. . . . I
19 think, I don't know if they're still using it now, it's the little
20 white one, the real little one. I don't even know who's it was.

21
22 COLLINS: Was there anyone else in the helicopter from TMI?

23
24 EGENRIEDER: No at that time it was just me and him.
25

1 COLLINS: Thank you.

2
3 YUHAS: I think we're gonna need to talk to you somewhat at length
4 about the TLD system. Right now we understand that later that evening
5 Mr. McCann asked you can you help set up the TLD system, which was
6 apparently in a state of disarray upstairs, in the, in the center.
7 Let us begin by asking you when were you trained to operate the TLD
8 system and by whom?

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10 EGENRIEDER: Well I guess it was. . .well I have no idea how many
11 years ago it was we got the TLD system in, but I know it was I know we
12 were just toying it the whole time we had film badges and stuff, for
13 any of the experiments. I believe it was all, all the training we
14 really got was like just like on the job training working with Mike
15 Buring, exposing the TLD's, reading them and doing beta corrections
16 and things like that on them. I don't want . . . And then one day we
17 did have a training session and all it consisted of was Tom Mulleavy
18 coming in to the TLD room with the procedure and reading it over with
19 us and that was the training that we got: the official training. And
20 that was it, you know and like, I had not worked a TLD reader for
21 approximately, I'd say a year and a half, you know since, you know,
22 before this accident, you know once in a while we would go down just
23 to read you know, if someone's dosimeter went offscale we'd just went
24 down to read it quick, you know. Because it's really, it's hard to
25 forget how to really operate it I think whats the hard part,
its easy to forget the documentation you have to make.

1 YUHAS: When you went upstairs were there copies of the operating
2 procedures for the TLD reader?

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4 EGENRIEDER: No, I didn't, I didn't see one, I really didn't.

5
6 YUHAS: So you were relying on your memory from a year and a half ago
7 on how to operate the device?

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9 EGENRIEDER: Yeah, and that just like I say, the routine. . . once in
10 a while you have to go down and read it, ok, I know to turn the nitrogen
11 on, do the background and sensitivity checks, and you know adjust the
12 high voltage accordingly to make sure you get the recent sensitivity.

13
14 YUHAS: Ok. Alright what was. . . can you describe the condition of
15 the equipment when you came on the scene and the number of TLD's,
16 about.

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18 EGENRIEDER: Well, I w say approximately every TLD we had to our
19 name was just laying there in different bags, a bag here, a bag there,
20 everything, you know, and I think the first thing I started to so was
21 sort out the ones that had been in the TLD trailer, you know, actually
22 the permanent badges that had been assigned for April, you know. They
23 were sitting there ready for issue, they, I started to rezero them.

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1 YUHAS: Was the reader already set up, was the nitrogen on, had it
2 warmed up?

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4 EGENRIEDER: Yeah, some people had read them, there was, there was a
5 header there where some people had read their badges for the day, you
6 know. I don't know who it was that read them, I presume it was our
7 technicians that were up there reading people's TLD's.

8
9 YUHAS: So the machine was already fired up. . . .

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11 EGENRIEDER: The machine, the machine was set up and there was a
12 header out there, you know, with some readings on it, but like, I have
13 no idea who's readings they were or anything.

14
15 YUHAS: Who was authorized to read TLD's?

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17 EGENRIEDER: Any HP technician or junior.

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19 YUHAS: Would you say that you have received more or less training
20 than other individuals.

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22 EGENRIEDER: I would say I received less. There is certain people
23 that have get, you know they seems like everytime it comes around
24 they're working the TLD program. There are just a select few that
25 always get it, you know? I mean, we only really work there once a

1 month, you know, right at the initial change and you know, that guy
2 does it for the, it usually takes like maybe 10 days, by the time you
3 get all the TLD's you read them. You read all the visitor badges, you
4 know, you put them in new holders, then you go out and calibrate your
5 badges for next month, expose them to 100 mr and you just set up your
6 machines and stuff. So it's usually always one person when you're on
7 a six week rotation, you know, you don't always, you're not always
8 available on HP on that first week in the month.

9
10 YUHAS: Do you ever do blind quality control checks, where someone
11 exposes, say twenty badges and then give them to you to read?

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13 EGENRIEDER: I know, when we first started the program we did, ok, and
14 now all I know is that we, I think its 10 badges we expose to 100 mr
15 and then we read 5 of them and we send the other 5 to Hartshaw and
16 then they read them to verify our, you know, that we were using 100
17 mrem standards.

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19 YUHAS: So, go ahead a pick it up with what you're doing now upstairs
20 in the observation center?

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22 EGENRIEDER: Ok, well we went up there once again it was me and Mike
23 Kuhn were the only two people that volunteered to stay to help out and
24 I guess we were there about ten minutes and they came up and pulled
25 Mike off of it to go down to the 500 KV monitor down there. So it was

1 just me, and I just sat there the whole night mostly doing zeroing you
2 know, the badges we had to start issuing in April and stuff and once
3 in a while people would come up with their badges to be read so I'd
4 have to stop what I was doing and type in what I was doing and you
5 know read their badges. So I guess that lasted most of the day and
6 then I. . . most of the morning, and then I started reading badges
7 that had been brought over during the course of the night, you know.
8 I just kept doing it in sections, like I'd read, you know, I'd zero
9 some then read some important ones then I'd zero some more I just did
10 that on and off all night, but there was no, there was really no
11 system at all to go by, because no one, you know, everyone seemed to
12 forget about the TLD program, you know until the last minute. So we
13 started a system where, I said well just let's issue them every night,
14 we get all the 100,000's and all the 200,000's and you know at 11:00
15 we'll just change them, we'll take all the ones that haven't been
16 issued and put them back in the box, and then stick the fresh, the
17 next series out for people to pick up and that system seemed to work
18 pretty good, you know. That way if I got a 200,000 series in one day,
19 I knew it had to be read, because you know, it was an outstanding
20 badge. It seemed to be working alright, and then you know someone
21 went and changed that they started issuing the same badge and having
22 it brought in and read. But I guess the whole, this was the first
23 whole day all we did was zero badges and then Dave Luski came down
24 from Reading. I think it was Reading, I don't know. He's, a I don't
25 know if he's GPU or Met Ed, Reading. I forget. But he came down and

1 we started to tear apart the program you know, so that we could you
2 know, read the TLD printout sheet and start applying it to the persons'
3 form five so we could get a rough idea on what the operators and stuff
4 who were getting some doses, to try to keep track of exposure, but the
5 bad thing about that is he was up at Crawford and I was down at the
6 observation center, you know. There was just no communication between
7 us, you know, it was really rough, so then finally later that night
8 then they did bring him down there and we started getting things
9 ironed out and when I had left at seven o'clock in the morning all
10 they had to do is feed the adjustments into the computer and we would
11 a an updated Form 5. That's the impression I was at when I left.
12 Because everything, you know, all the TLD'S had been read, I had left
13 just a couple of them had to be put back in their holders but everything
14 was up to date when I left at seven o'clock Saturday morning.

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16 YUHAS: Who read Houser's TLD?

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18 EGENRIEDER: I did.

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20 YUHAS: And do you remember what it read?

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22 EGENRIEDER: It was either three or four, you know, I think it was
23 close to four but I'm not really sure anymore.
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1 YUHAS: Did you also read Valez's?

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3 EGENRIEDER: No, Pete did not bring his over.

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5 YUHAS: Did you permit other technicians to read their own, fellas
6 that had large exposures?

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8 EGENRIEDER: No, I was strictly the only one reading them that night,
9 no one else came up, like I said no one else would support me, you
10 know. I was up there all by, all by myself the whole night and just
11 occasional people would come up and say could you read this I want to
12 see what I got, things like that, but I know at the time I asked Ed
13 where is extremity badges were he didn't have any, because I wanted to
14 get them read too, he didn't have any. . . .I think it was the same
15 night Doug Weaver had called over and asked me what his results were I
16 couldn't find them. It was just, it was just totally disorganized,
17 like people would just put a TLD in and walk away, you know. There was
18 no typing on the printout to verify what the hell was going on, you
19 know so you could just take a quick glance and see what it was, you
20 know you had to go searching through all the little numbers. But I'm
21 pretty sure it was that night that Doug called and asked me what his
22 exposure was and I couldn't give it to him.

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24 YUHAS: Ok fine. Doug do you have some questions?
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1 COLLINS: At what point did the tapes that were being generated, at
2 what point were they transferred so that dated Form 5's could be
3 generated, could be used? Was that while you were there?
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5 EGENRIEDER: Well as I, as I proceeded during the night you know, if I
6 was reading a bunch, just zeroing a bunch of them, ok, when I started
7 to read some permanent badges that you know had meaning on them ok, I
8 would stop my tape and start a new one for you know, the serious work,
9 ok and like, when I left on, on Saturday morning I was under the
10 impression that they were gonna go and put it right into the computer
11 that night. In fact we did get some Form 5's late that night, it
12 would have been late Friday night, we did get some Form 5's out of the
13 computer but they needed adjustments made because, like the way the
14 issued the TLD's the first two days you know, anybody I think it was
15 the guards at the North Gate were issuing them and you had no control
16 as to who had what badge, ok. So we had to make all those adjustments
17 to the best, with the best way we could. We had to go through the
18 logs and find out who, what badge went with what person and stuff like
19 that.
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21 COLLINS: Were you able to determine who was assigned all badges
22 during that period of time or were there any left hanging?
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24 EGENRIEDER: Well, I think, I think really from the most part we had
25 like several people assigned to the same badge, we didn't have any

1 badges that didn't have people but we had a hell or a lot of people
2 that had the same badge. So if I'm not mistaken, I believe they gave
3 you know, the same dose to everybody.

4
5 COLLINS: Where, during that period where were the tapes being inputed
6 to the computer?

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8 EGENRIEDER: As of Friday, late Friday night, Bill Herman was coming
9 over into the computer office there in the service building and doing
10 it, cause I remember he was in a respirator all the time doing it.

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12 YUHAS: At this time I'd like to go ahead and just talk about the
13 Health Physics Program in general here at TMI, and maybe some of the
14 problem areas that we may be familiar of, and get your input on it,
15 . . . first let's talk about training. In the last two years, how many
16 classroom lectures in the area of Health Physics have you attended at
17 TMI?

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19 EGENRIEDER: In the last two years, I would say none. We did have
20 one, we had an emergency drill. A medical emergency drill with RMC
21 and I was involved in that and we went through the, the guy from NRC
22 just went over a few facts with us, you know, what to do and where to
23 go and how to prepare the hospital and stuff like that, and we went
24 through the emergency; we came back and had a critique and then it was
25 dropped, ok. That was the only formal HP training that we got.

1 COLLINS: You said the man from NRC. . .

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3 EGENRIEDER: I mean RMC, RMC.

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5 COLLINS: Thank you.

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7 YUHAS: All the including you record indicate that in 1978 you received
8 24 hours of startup training in health physics for Unit 2, what was
9 that?

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11 EGENRIEDER: I have no idea what they would be talking about. I think
12 a lot of their training records are saying ok if he can do this he's
13 trained, you know what I'm trying to say. . . .

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15 YUHAS: In the training computer printout there are hours accredited,
16 ok? For instance, there's a notation in there about the medical
17 emergency training and they put down so many hours of classroom training,
18 now there is a statment that say's you received 24 hours of training
19 for startup of Unit 2, in the fall of 78 by November or December of
20 78, to the best of your recollection were you provided with any refresher
21 courses in health physics at that period of time?

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23 EGENRIEDER: You know, the only thing that we, the only training that
24 I can really remember is like you know, that general employee training
25 that GET. Where you go in and you listen to security, you listen to

1 QC talk and you get the respiratory protection bit, and then at the
2 end of the first session they always give the HP the HP test, ok,
3 cause what it is the first half of the day is strictly for the. . . I
4 think they call the bullshit and then go down into the basic health
5 physics for the afternoon session so they always wave our basic, you
6 know, what they do they give us our test after the, after the morning
7 session if we pass it, they say ok you don't have to go. But it's the
8 same test every year.

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10 YUHAS : So in the last two years have you sat through even the most
11 fundamental of general employee health physics training?

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13 EGENRIEDER: I would say no, I can't really remember . . .

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15 YUHAS: You passed the test in other words and . . .

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17 EGENRIEDER: Right, we passed the test, right.

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19 YUHAS: Ok.

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21 EGENRIEDER: You know, you get the same trick questions again every
22 year.

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24 YUHAS: Have you ever read the Technical Specifications for this
25 plant?

1 EGENRIEDER: No.

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3 YUHAS: Do you know where a copy of the Technical Specifications might
4 be found?

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6 EGENRIEDER: Well over in the control room and I believe we have some
7 back in the Unit 1 chem lab too, but like, once again with the workload
8 we have you can't really, you don't really have time to do it.

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10 YUHAS: Can you describe the shift orientation and the phrase "training
11 shift" and what that means?

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13 EGENRIEDER: Well what it's suppose to be on the six week rotation,
14 your first week, when you come off eleven to seven you relief and then
15 your next week of eleven to seven, I mean, the next week of daylight
16 your training week and then originally it was set up that you would
17 get five days of training, ok but that fell by the wayside a long,
18 long time ago. In fact as soon as it got started and I think really
19 the only people that take the trainings seriously was our two chemistry
20 foremen Kerry Harner, well I guess three, Kerry Harner, Ed Houser and
21 Ken Frederick. They, once in a while they would review us on, they
22 reviewed us on polishers, the polishers over in Unit 2, maybe that was
23 the startup training that we supposedly got. I cannot remember any HP
24 Unit 2 training. In fact the first week I was over in Unit 2, I was
25 lost. I had no idea what anything was, you know, no idea because I

1 was never exposed to Unit 2. The most exposure I got to Unit 2 of
2 health physics was back in I guess 1977, when we looked at the floor
3 prints and made up our survey maps, and then we just were allowed to
4 to walk through the Unit on our training week. We were allowed to
5 walk through the Unit to you know visualize the cubic'es so we could
6 go back and draw them from the floor prints.

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8 YUHAS: Do you mind if we ask you a few questions, technical questions,
9 to just get an idea of the strenghts you have based on your own review
10 that kinda thing.

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12 EGENRIEDER: No, go ahead I know . . . that.

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14 SINCLAIR: Let's break at this point to change to the second tape.
15 The time is 7:30 p.m.

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17 SINCLAIR: The time is 7:31 p.m. and we are continuing the interview
18 with Mr. Egenrieder.

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20 YUHAS: Mr. Egenrieder, we were just about to talk about a few technical
21 points to try to get a feel for where you stand in terms of technical
22 confidence primarily as a barameter the training program that you
23 indicate you have not been provided. Do you know what Xenon-133
24 decays by?
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1 EGENRIEDER: No I can't really say I do.

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3 YUHAS: It decays by a beta and about an 81 kev gamma, okay. Can you
4 describe or which instrument did you use most frequently or was used
5 most frequently throughout this incident for measuring high dose
6 rates.

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8 EGENRIEDER: For high dose rates, well the only really surveys I did
9 was the environmental type surveys, and they were the PIC-6's. Usually
10 we use R02's, that's our basic instrument.

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12 YUHAS: Okay, how about teletectors? Do you use teletectors?

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14 EGENREIDER: Well we use them but I try to keep away from those things
15 cause I don't have any faith in the people that calibrate them.
16 Unless I actually take it down myself and calibrate it. I have no
17 faith in it.

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19 YUHAS: Do you know what type of detection principal teletector uses?

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21 EGENRIEDER: I, its a Geiger Mueller I think, but I haven't really you
22 know. I am not up on that at all, to be perfectly honest with you.

23
24 YUHAS: Do you know what type of detection medium R02 uses?
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1 EGENRIEDER: It's a ion chamber.

2
3 YUHAS: Okay. How would you suppose the teletectors would respond to
4 an 81 kev gamma ray as compared to the R02 ion chamber?

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6 EGENRIEDER: I don't think the teletector would really see it because
7 of the shield on the end.

8
9 YUHAS: Okay? How many GM2s are in the teletector?

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11 EGENREIDER: Just the, I think, I think there is one I believe. It's
12 up at the tip. I know that the high pot, you know the one, the pot for
13 adjusting the high range is up on the tip, and I think there is only
14 one detector up there also.

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16 YUHAS: Can you describe the biological effects to an individual who
17 has received a whole body exposure of 300 rad?

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19 EGENRIEDER: No not really. I know what 500 is supposed to be, almost
20 certain death but, no we had that, we had that in Dick Bowers training.
21 That was the last time I had a dose, back in 74.

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23 YUHAS: Can you describe how the TLD chip measures radiation?

1 EGENREIDER: I think it is the electron reacts with the chip and
2 excites the electron from the ground state to a certain energy level
3 and then, you know, when you read it the reader puts it back in to the
4 ground state and it measures the light that it gives off as it goes
5 back to the ground state. That's really all I know. That's the basic
6 training that we got on that.

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8 COLLINS: - I would like to ask you a couple of questions back on the
9 basic elements of training. How did you become aware, and what kind
10 of training were you given in new procedures and revised procedures.

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12 EGENRIEDER: Well when we first came down on the job, I guess during
13 our probationary period, we have a little session every afternoon
14 where they bring a down couple copies of the procedures and give them
15 out and read them over with us, ok and that was it. That was your
16 training on procedures. As far as revisions go they use to post
17 it in the HP Lab in the chem lab whenever there is a revision to a
18 procedure they post it on the bulletin board so you know these procedures
19 have been revised, please read, but that fell by the wayside. Now the
20 clerk just comes down and puts them in the file and takes the old one
21 out.

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23 COLLINS: How are you made aware then that a procedure has been revised
24 if it only placed in the file.
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1 EGENRIEDER: Through the grape vine. Really there is several, lets see
2 which one was the one we just, there is one no one realized that had
3 been revised, well the good one is the, I guess it is 1618, the shipping
4 of radioactive material. That one the criteria for yellow two and
5 yellow three sticker had been, I guess the criteria for yellow three
6 sticker had been changed from I think it was 10 mr three feet to ...
7 no, I mean on contact to 50, and that I didn't know for awhile and in
8 fact I had made up a tape on our little Packard calculator to figure
9 out the curie contents and stuff on the compacted trash drums that we
10 sent out and it was a couple weeks after the revision had come out
11 that Tom Mullavey came up to me and said hey would you change this
12 tape to reflect that, and I had no idea what he was talking about and
13 then just during the accident I found out that it was revised again to
14 include the what's it called, the transport index, I guess, on the
15 sticker. It is supposed to be, now we just used to leave it blank and
16 now we have to put the three foot reading, I guess it is. I had no
17 idea that procedure had been changed until I heard it from somebody.

18
19 COLLINS: When you were transferred to Unit 2 how were you made aware
20 of differences in procedures between Unit 1 and Unit 2 operations.

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22 EGENRIEDER: Just through, you know, going out and searching the file
23 yourself, reading over the procedures to familiarize yourself.
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1 COLLINS: You mentioned in discussing previous drills, emergency
2 drills that you had been given a one day training course on use of the
3 SAM 2. Is that correct?
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5 EGENRIEDER: Alright . . . that consisted of, I am not sure if it was
6 Sid Porter or Len Landry that came back and showed us how to operate
7 and went through the position switches and then it was, I believe it
8 was the exact same day that we went up and we did the efficiencies on
9 it, you know. We exposed them to the source, got the counts, figured
10 out what the decay would have been on the source and figured out the
11 efficiency.
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13 COLLINS: Since that time had you participated in any drills in which
14 you had to use the SAM-2 under simulated emergency conditions?
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16 EGENRIEDER: I can't really remember if I was in the last drill we had
17 or not. I know there was sometimes, it might have been once or twice
18 but I know, the first, I guess it was the first time we had an emergency
19 drill, they made it a point that everybody in the health physics
20 department would be there for every drill, you know they pay everybody
21 overtime, and then it got to a point where we only worried about the
22 people who were there. Okay, if you didn't get training, that was
23 fine.
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1 COLLINS: During, or after a drill you are, you go through a period of
2 critique I believe after every drill, this is correct?
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4 EGENRIEDER: The foreman goes to the critique, the technicians never
5 do. I have never attended a critique. I believe I was in the, I
6 think I was in the last, in the last drill, I was on the onsite team.
7 I believe I was.
8

9 COLLINS: Any time during or after the drills did you express your
10 concerns over your training with the SAM 2 to anyone.
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12 EGENRIEDER: I know as a whole our whole department, you know, will
13 bitch about the fact that we need more training on it, because we
14 didn't really understand exactly what they were doing, okay, and like
15 if we would run into a real problem we would have no way to diagnose,
16 you know, to see if it might have been something we were doing wrong.
17 Okay, I just felt, we always complained about all our training, we say
18 it is very lax, you know.
19

20 COLLINS: Are there any routines in the plant where you would be
21 called on to use the SAM 2?
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23 EGENRIEDER: Never.
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1 COLLINS: Thank you.

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3 YUHAS: Let me ask you one more question relating to training and that
4 is can you describe the alternate methods available for control of
5 high radiation areas or entry into high radiation areas.

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7 EGENRIEDER: Okay, what we do, we're suppose to, I think 10 CFR 20
8 says any area greater than a 100 mr has to be posted as a high radiation
9 and also locked, but I think we got, I think they gave us a waiver on
10 that saying that we would, anytime we have a reading of greater than
11 an R we lock it with a sign on it saying, you know, health physics
12 supervisor must be notified before entering and the control room did
13 control the keys to it. Now, now the Aux operator has the key to it
14 on his keychain.

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16 COLLINS: When did the change occur from the shift supervisor control
17 of the key to the Aux operator?

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19 EGENRIEDER: I noticed it during, I guess it was during this refueling
20 outage, when we had to go like in the miscellaneous waste evaporator,
21 you know, when we were concentrating on the waste water from refueling.
22 The evaporator would get to over an R while it was operating and when
23 we would have to go in there, they always said well the operator has
24 the key. A lot of our gates, you know, the operators have the key to
25 the reactor building cause all it is is a locked valve key so, I mean

1 we used to have very strict control of it, you know, entering the
2 areas and also when they enter an area greater than an R an HP technician
3 has to go with them.

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5 YUHAS: Okay, lets talk about instruments for a little while. On the
6 day of the incident are you aware if there enough suitable instruments
7 to go around?

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9 EGENRIEDER: I would say, I am not, you know, I couldn't tell you how
10 many but since we had just come out of refueling outage I can almost
11 positively state that there was very few instruments around because we
12 went through the entire refueling outage, you know, just waiting for
13 one instrument to come in so we could go out and do a survey and
14 stuff. Our instruments, I think they've changed it now, they gave the
15 contract to Rad Services I think to fix our instrumentation but before
16 it was our instrument people were responsible for it and they just
17 couldn't care less about it and we have two lockers up in HP area, you
18 know, for instruments to be repaired and they are always full.

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20 YUHAS: Do you know of any instance where an HP tech or individual may
21 have been authorized to go into high rad areas greater than 100 mr per
22 hour without an instrument because one was not available?

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24 EGENRIEDER: Well I don't know where, I wouldn't really say that they
25 were authorized, I would say I have known cases where the technician

1 just went in anyhow. I know Unit 2's reactor building they went in
2 without the proper instrumentation and stuff.

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4 YUHAS: - Was this at power?

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6 EGENREIDER: - Yes.

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8 YUHAS: Could you amplify on that a little for us?

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10 EGNERIEDER: Well, okay, I guess when we first started having, I guess
11 the pressurizer was leaking over in Unit 2 and they always, you know,
12 they would get loss of coolant, you know. Their, what am I trying to
13 say, their leak rate test was always high so they would send in you
14 know normally at 100% or 90% power they would send people in to check
15 for leaks inside the D ring, you know, and they would always require
16 an HP escort in there and I know one instance for sure the technician
17 didn't take a reball in, for another time the guy took in a teletector,
18 was it a teletector or an R02, and it pegged and he told the guys okay
19 we're not going any further, you know. He says I am not going with
20 you, he says, you know it is greater than 5 R, it has to be an R02
21 because he stated it was greater than 5 R and he said he was not about
22 to proceed any further and they went anyhow.

23
24 YUHAS: Specifically, who was they? Let's talk about this incident
25 with the R02 pegged. Now who was the HP tech?

1 EGENRIEDER: Gees, I think it was Tom Thompson, the guy who left. I
2 am pretty sure it was him and ...

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4 YUHAS: When did this happen about?

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6 EGENRIEDER: Oh gees, I couldn't tell you.

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8 YUHAS: It was this year?

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10 EGENREIDER: Oh yea, it was 1978, right.

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12 YUHAS: 1978?

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14 EGENRIEDER: 1979.

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16 YUHAS: 1979.

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18 EGENRIEDER: I'm a year behind.

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20 YUHAS: Okay 1979 so that's less than four months anyway.

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22 EGENRIEDER: Right.

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24 YUHAS: Mr. Thompson went in with an R02 and the plant was at power
25 and he was accompanied by a licensed operators?

1 EGENRIEDER: I'm not, I think Dick Hoyt might have been in there, the
2 shift foreman at the time. I don't know if Bill Zewe would have went
3 in or, I don't know, there are so many, we made so many entries in
4 that damn building under power, you know. It is unreal and we used to
5 complain about that saying they used to send the HP people in once a
6 week to do a daily survey and we kept saying, you know, why? No one
7 really goes in there except maybe an operator would go, two operators
8 would go down in the basement to take some readings once in a while.
9 I said why must we go in every week and subject ourself to some dose
10 and they just kept saying we have to do it, we have to do it. So I
11 guess it was, oh man, I guess it was right at the beginning of Unit
12 1's refueling outage so it would have been the end of March I guess
13 the refueling outage was over and, I mean started, and they sent me in
14 and my junior into the Unit 2's reactor building

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16 COLLINS: Excuse me, the inspector's going critical. (Lots of sneezing)

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18 EGENRIEDER: I think it was the Saturday after our fueling outage
19 started, I don't know what the date would be, the 25th or 26th of I
20 guess March we started our refueling, I don't even remember, February
21 I think we started our refueling but my junior and myself went in to
22 the Unit 2 reactor building at full power to do our routine survey.
23 We came out we had the remball in with us, we had, I guess, it was an
24 R02 we had with us, gamma levels were pretty low and, you know, it is
25 also in our procedure that the health physics people have standing

1 permission to enter the top of the D ring at power to do a survey,
2 cause when they want a survey they want the basement, the operating
3 floor, the first floor and the top of the D ring only. So, you know,
4 we go up every week to do that. The neutron instrument, you know, we
5 walk through fields where they go flying offscale, you know, but it
6 come right back on as soon as you keep walking so we came out and we
7 read our dosimeters and I think I picked up 140 gamma and Dick picked
8 up almost the same. So I called Tom Mullavey at the time and I says
9 why in the name of God do we have to go in and subject ourself to this
10 and he said we have to, we made a commitment to the NRC people that we
11 would do it once a week. Okay, this is what was told to us so, I
12 didn't think anything of it, meanwhile he told me to go down, you
13 know, to take a break and then go down to the respirator booth and run
14 some people through so when I went down there I said well since I am
15 in the TLD trailer I might as well read my neutron TLD. I read it, I
16 picked up almost 700 neutron. So then I called him up and I said hey
17 now must we go in and I told him the problem - oh no we don't have to
18 do it anymore, you know. So we questioned him and we kept questioning
19 that day about it. Dick came down and read his TLD, he picked up
20 almost the same thing so and we kept questioning to people and they
21 said no we don't have to do that any more. I kept saying, you know,
22 well, why did we ever do it in the first place, I don't know. And all
23 of the sudden the story changed. So luckily, that same day Karl
24 Plumlee came up and he was here to audit the QC department or something
25 I forget and I went into the office and I started spouting off about

1 this neutron exposure that we received and I saw Karl sitting in the
2 corner so I just kept it up, you know. Then he came back later that
3 day and asked us what was going on so we told him and he came back the
4 next Monday I guess and started a detailed investigation and everybody
5 denied it, that they ever gave permission to go into the building, you
6 know, to do these surveys, you know. They had no idea that they had
7 the neutron problems and stuff, you know. However, our supervisor
8 signed a work request to put up a, like a water shield down in the
9 basement where we had streaming coming from, you know, coming out of
10 the primary shield and he signed the work request to do it yet he
11 said, you know, he denied ever knowing any problem about the neutron.
12 I guess I went off on a tangent about going into an area without an
13 instrument.

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15 COLLINS: Let me ask which procedure is it that requires you to go in
16 weekly to do this survey?

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18 EGENRIEDER: It's not really a procedure, okay, what it is, we have a
19 little computer printout, you know, a reminder sheet, I think they
20 call it the tickler system or something like that, that comes out and
21 every Saturday and Sunday, it's on there, do Unit 1 and Unit 2 reactor
22 building survey.

23
24 COLLINS: Is that still being done?
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1 EGENRIEDER: No. All of a sudden, well the guy who made the commitment
2 to the NRC was Pete. You know Pete came in one day and Karl said I
3 don't understand why you do surveys monthly, this is Unit 1 at the
4 time, he said you have operators going in several times a week without
5 an HP person, you know, so that's when Pete made the commitment, okay
6 well we'll do it weekly.

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8 COLLINS: Pete Valez?

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10 EGENRIEDER: Pete Valez, right and then when he was confronted with
11 it, he denied it, he said oh I told you to start, it should be done
12 once a year, you know, so we were up against a brick wall because we
13 couldn't really prove anything. Finally I guess they caught wind of
14 the NRC, the NRC people caught wind of the shift supervisors and shift
15 foremen always going inside the D ring, you know without remballs and
16 without the proper instrumentation and stuff.

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18 COLLINS: On the one entrance where you went in and received 700 mr,
19 how long were you in.

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21 EGENRIEDER: I would say roughly 25 to 40 minutes, I really have no
22 idea. Okay. And most of the time was spent in the basement and the
23 first floor, we spent very little time on the, you know, the top two
24 floors. On the top of the D ring, you know, was real high, but the
25 guy that was with me is a real heavy guy so I told him you just stand

1 over there by the steps where it's a low area, I says, and I'll just
2 zip around the D ring getting the readings that they want and I'll
3 come back, so you know, it was like a real fast walk around the D ring
4 with my remball and my R02, you know, going over to, you know, over
5 the railings to get the readings and we picked up almost exactly the
6 same, I think most of it came from the streaming down in the basement.
7 We had, you know, it was a really weird phenonomon, you know, even at
8 first we didn't believe the remball, you know, cause they are so
9 shakey anyhow so if you move them too hard, you know, the needle flys
10 and there would just be times you're walking through and nothing, all
11 of a sudden, you know, it goes high, you know, it comes right back
12 down to nothing, you know, we didn't really stick around, to really go
13 hunting for anything in those high areas. But like, you know, when
14 you get up to the right at the edge of the cavity, you know, you peg
15 high and it pegged high as you got back near the incores and things
16 like that, the gamma levels were low.

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18 COLLINS: These instances where individuals did things that were
19 contrary to your procedures, what documentation was made of this by
20 the technicians involved. Do you make notes in your HP log, some kind
21 of shift log, do you write nonconformance reports.

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23 EGENRIEDER: Well we have no logs at all and we have found through
24 past experience that it doesn't really pay to write up a violation
25 because nothing is done and nothing is done at all to anybody who

1 violates. And if you write up an operations person you might as well
2 hang it up because, you know, you work with them seven days a week,
3 you know, and they can make life really miserable for you. So, you
4 know, if we tried to stand up to it like a shift foreman or shift
5 supervisor, they would shoot us down right to our foreman, you know
6 what I mean, they would, our foreman won't give us any backing when it
7 comes to standing up to another foreman. So we just, you know, we
8 just had an instance the other day where Gary Miller, Mike Ross, Roe
9 Bedow and two other guys went, they were inspecting Unit 1's areas for
10 this tour that just came through today and they went in on the RWP to
11 enter the Aux Building, I don't know if you are familiar with Unit 1's
12 Aux Building, but right as you go in you need an RWP to go under the
13 sample lines coming over from Unit 2, so they went on that RWP to go
14 through there and then they told me that all they were going to do was
15 just go into the Aux Building and look in the hallways, to make sure
16 it was tidy, you know, in case people wanted to see if it was clear.
17 So anyhow an operator comes down to me, an operator was up deconing
18 the spent fuel pool at the time and he had an RWP and everything, he
19 came down to me and said Ed, he said did those guys have an RWP for
20 the spent fuel pool. I said no and he said well he says, you know,
21 they opened the door, they stepped across the step-off pad right into
22 the contaminated area with no boots, no nothing. They just wanted to
23 look, so they came down and I said to them right away, I said to Mike
24 Ross and Gary Miller both at the same time, I said, hey were you or
25 were you not in the spent fuel pool. Yes we were. I says what RWP

1 were you on, well we didn't need one because all we did was open the
2 door and looked. You know where the door is to get in there, there's
3 no radiation area, there's no contamination area so I said oh and I
4 dropped it and I went back to the operator and he said they definitely
5 were, you know. They definitely were standing on top the decon storage
6 pit cover which is a contaminated area. And, you know, we checked
7 them out real good, they had no contamination on their shoes or anything,
8 but anyhow I said something to the foreman at the time about it and I
9 said what am I suppose to do, well its their word against yours. And
10 it was dropped. So meanwhile now the operator, the operator got upset
11 with the response that I gave him, so he got the HP violations and
12 they are written up. Now I don't know what we are going to do with
13 them, we'll going to give them to, Mulleavy, tomorrow but I am sure
14 its going to go, you know, completely unnoticed, probably put it right
15 in the round file, you know. They just, you know, they don't reprimand
16 anybody for committing an HP violation, so really what's the use of
17 noting anything. We tell our foreman and that's, what else can we do.

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19 YUHAS: If I am still alive. There are many questions here before I
20 die. What is breathing zone air sampling mean to you?

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22 EGENRIEDER: Well I would say that's the air around your, you know,
23 your intake.
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1 YUHAS: Do your people sample the workers breathing zone?

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3 EGENRIEDER: No, very seldom. In fact if you would go through our, we
4 have an air activity log book and, you know, we just we have a sheet
5 for every area like in the Aux Building, the Reactor Building, and
6 stuff. You can go through there and you'll see that some areas don't
7 get surveyed, maybe once a year, not even that. Our new sampling room
8 is a prime example, we just never sample anything in there, cause they
9 go on the impression that if you have anything you're going to see it
10 on a RMA-1, you're going to see it on a RMA-4 or RMA-6. Then you
11 start worrying about it.

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13 YUHAS: When you make your containment entries to check these leaks or
14 do work in the containment do you sample the workers breathing zone?

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16 EGENRIEDER: Okay, in the Reactor Building every morning when, okay,
17 when the containment integrity is established we have a procedure, I
18 think it is 1630 saying you will, if the containment isn't being
19 purged, I don't know if it stresses that, but it says you can call up
20 and get the readings off of RMA2 which is the Reactor Building air
21 sampler and, you know, you can divide them by your sensitivities and
22 come up with a ball park number. Now if this ball park number is
23 greater than, you know, the MPC values that we have set then we have
24 to identify the isotope. That is usually what we do so what happens
25 we usually go down sample RMA2 for, you know, gas tritium, iodine and

1 particulate and then count them on the GeLi and then the tricarb and,
2 you know, come up with the Reactor Building entry forms gives you the
3 isotopic printout of what, you know, what isotopes you have in there.

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5 COLLINS: Let me ask you a question. Where is the sample point for
6 HPR227.

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8 EGENRIEDER: HPR227, okay, now that's Unit 2's Reactor Building, that
9 is right inside the Aux Building in the Unit 2.

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11 COLLINS: Where is the actual sample point inside of containment?

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13 EGENRIEDER: Oh, I couldn't tell you. I really couldn't.

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15 COLLINS: Okay, how could you possibly let someone go into the containment
16 to work then if you don't know where the sample point is?

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18 EGENRIEDER: Well I guess we assumed it's the same way like Unit 1.
19 Unit 1's is, I think there is a tap off on the operating floor and
20 also on the 305 level, you know, so its, two tap offs that come into a
21 common line and goes through the monitor and, you know we just sampled
22 right off the monitor.

23
24 YUHAS: Awhile ago you said you were, frequently people go into Unit 2
25 containment to look for leaks.

1 EGENRIEDER: Okay well we sample off the sample panel in 227 but I
2 don't know when, you know, where it takes a suction.

3
4 YUHAS: We're getting back to this readings on things. So if a man
5 is going in there, he is looking for a leak and he finds it somewhere,
6 a minor leak somewhere around there, is the concentration when he is
7 standing there looking at this leak different, then the concentration
8 on mixed samples somewhere else in the containment.

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10 EGENRIEDER: Oh yea, it should be right but they don't worry about
11 that.

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13 YUHAS: Okay.

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15 EGENRIEDER: At the time, okay, at the time there was not much activity
16 at all and he had the isotopics right off the letdown and it showed
17 very little activity at all.

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19 YUHAS: Let's take Unit 1 sample. If a man goes down to work on a
20 Unit 1 reactor coolant evaporator, he goes down to work on something,
21 do you go down and collect a sample after he opens that evaporator up
22 to work on it.

23
24 EGENRIEDER: Well once in a while we do. What they usually do is they
25 purge it out, you know, they purge the feed tank out usually with

1 nitrogen, this is when they are doing a major overhaul on the evaporator
2 itself, they purge it out with nitrogen and we just keep taking gas
3 samples until the level gets down that you don't have to really wear
4 respirators. When they are doing routine maintenance like changing
5 diaphragms or changing pumps or something like that, if we don't have
6 time to go down and get an air sample they put an RM-14 with lead
7 shield around to get the background inside the, around the detector
8 low and then what happens they say if they break the system and they
9 get a rise in the RM14 they know the gas is coming up.

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11 YUHAS: Let me give you an example of something that frequently everybody
12 ... mech tech comes down, mechanical type, and he is going to go
13 rebuild let's say, a condensate transfer pump okay, and he goes down
14 ... this is a closed system, and gives the RWP, just described in
15 normal procedure that your health physics department does as far as
16 precautions and surveys and this kind of thing.

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18 EGENRIEDER: A condensate transfer pump.

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20 YUHAS: No, no concentrate

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22 EGENRIEDER: Oh concentrate.

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24 YUHAS: Radwaste concentrate.
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1 EGENRIEDER: Well usually something like that, you know, where we have
2 the liquid, you know, if they are breaking into a system we know can't
3 be isolated or something, we always put them in Scott air pacs and wet
4 suits and things like that.

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6 YUHAS: This system can be turned off and isolated.

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8 EGENRIEDER: Okay well what we usually do is say is it drained, and if
9 they say yea, we say oh okay, you know, and then we do with the RM14
10 bit.

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12 YUHAS: Do you not go down when they open the system up.

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14 EGENRIEDER: No, not too often no. Once is a while. Like I say, you
15 know, if you have the manpower to do it you do it, but, you know, most
16 times we don't have the manpower.

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18 YUHAS: What about radiation surveys?

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20 EGENRIEDER: Radiation surveys, almost the entire Aux Building is done
21 once a week. Okay, we have, what we do is this tickler system we
22 have, you know, every night it prints out little schedule what surveys
23 are to be done and then from there, you know, we do the surveys, you
24 know, which is usually always just a beta gamma and a smear survey, we
25 come back to the lab, we wrote up standing RWP's which were good for a

1 week for that cubicle. Okay that was strictly for just going in
2 taking readings. So if someone wanted to come down and do work in the
3 area we just get the survey out, the recent survey, and use it.
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5 YUHAS: You mean the standard procedure states that if this pump is in
6 this cubicle and you surveyed it once a week and the man came down
7 from RWP to tear down that pump that you would not run the discreet
8 survey around that pump?
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10 EGENRIEDER: That is exactly what I am telling you, that is the way
11 they operate it.
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13 YUHAS: What about when they open the system, would you collect an air
14 sample.
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16 EGENRIEDER: Well okay like I said again, okay if we have the manpower
17 we do it. Okay, usually when they are breaking into a primary system
18 we do put them in respirators, okay, some type of respirator and we
19 also call the control room, telling them the mark, you know, RMA, I
20 think it is 6 which is the Aux Building, and RMA8 and if they see a
21 rise, and this the way they do it, okay, this is the way the foreman
22 that we have we are union people and this is the way they did it, and
23 now that they are foreman that's way it is accepted.
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1 YUHAS: Okay, but in reality, let's talk about reality. A man goes
2 down to open the system, okay, he is going to open a highly contaminated
3 system, radwaste concentrate, how bad would that have to be in order
4 to show up on the Auxiliary Building monitor.

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6 EGENRIEDER: Well I really couldn't tell you that because they never
7 ran a test on that.

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9 YUHAS: Okay, what I am getting at is there is a huge dilution.

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11 EGENRIEDER: That's a fact, I think its a 100 cubic feet per minute
12 delution I believe, as a matter of fact.

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14 YUHAS: Even bigger numbers than that, okay, but now the man goes
15 down, he opens the system up, to start off with would the general area
16 survey indicate what the contact dose would be for him to unbolt that
17 pump, the loop, and work on it?

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19 EGENRIEDER: No not really. Do you know it depends who does the
20 survey, okay, some technicians do, you know, a real good thorough
21 surveys like they will go in, there might be, you know, a room this
22 big, they might do ten smears in it and might do a lot of, you know,
23 general areas and a lot of contact readings, okay, there's other
24 people who might go in, make take one general area, one contact reading
25 and one smear and get away with it, you know.

1 COLLINS: We've got to break here, I think the tape's about to run
2 out. The time is 8:03 p.m. We'll take a break and change the tape.
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4 SINCLAIR: The time is 8:04 p.m., we are continuing with the interview
5 with Mr. Egenrieder.
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7 YUHAS: Mr. Egenrieder, we'll still back in this cubicle with this
8 pump now. What criteria is applied for determining when extremity
9 monitoring is to be worn by individuals here at TMI.
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11 EGENRIEDER: I believe not too long, I think it was during right
12 before Unit 2, came, Unit 1 came down for refueling, when we were
13 changing the seal injection filters, I guess it was right after we had
14 tripped and we were changing the filters quite often, I, under normal
15 conditions every time someones working with a hot item I always give
16 them, you know, extremity values for at least one of their hands, if
17 they work with both hands, I say well they will get the dose equal.
18 But I remember, I guess it was Dave McCurdy or one of the maintenance
19 guys were working on a seal injection filter, just changing it, and I
20 assigned extremities to him. So then later that day they had to
21 change another one and the guy came down and said to one of the technicians,
22 well, you know, I need extremity badges and, you know, he said well
23 why, you know, and the foreman said no you don't need them. Okay, so
24 I heard about that, I called up Dick Dubiel and I said hey, I says,
25 you know, they are working with these filters, I said what the hell,

1 and he said something about either we don't have to worry about it
2 unless it is 4 times the dose of the general area or 6, I forget
3 exactly the number, but that was his criteria, so I just kept issuing
4 them anyhow.

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6 YUHAS: Were these results of these extremity doses reported on the
7 printouts, on the form 5's.

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9 EGENRIEDER: Well I couldn't tell you because like, you know, I am not
10 responsible for that, you know, we collect the badges, we write down
11 on the logs, you know, we issued this extremity badge to this person
12 for this hand or that hand or this ankle and where it goes from there
13 I couldn't tell you. Cause like there is no one is really involved
14 totally with the TLD system, you know, anyone who wants, anyone who
15 works it works it and that's the way it is.

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17 YUHAS: Okay now the man opens this pump up, okay, are you going to
18 collect a breathing zone air sample.

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20 EGENRIEDER: Well like I said once again, if the manpower is there we
21 do it, if not we don't. We rely on the monitors.

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23 YUHAS: - Is there any other type of survey that should be run when the
24 pump is opened.
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1 EGENRIEDER: Well, you know, you would do, could do a rough dose rate
2 survey with an open and closed shield to see if, you know, you are
3 getting any gas thing okay or just really see if you are getting a
4 beta dose or even see if you are getting another gamma dose, usually
5 in the high rad areas like that we always do make them take an instrument
6 and make sure, you know, we tell them to put it on, okay, but we can't
7 verify that they are using it or not.

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9 YUHAS: When you said you make them, you mean the operators.

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11 EGENRIEDER: They, you know, whoever it is, as long as they have an
12 RWP on their badge they can go into any area and work, okay, except
13 if its a real high rad area, you know, we usually send an HP guy, you
14 know, it doesn't necessarily mean that if it is over 100 mr an HP will
15 be present.

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17 YUHAS: How often are people whole body counted.

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19 EGENRIEDER: Once a year.

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21 YUHAS: Once a year no matter what?

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23 EGENRIEDER: No matter what, unless, okay, unless they get contamination,
24 I forget exactly the levels, they are at my fingertips in the lab
25 because I have them in my little mailbox. It gives you, you know,

1 your, the deep rem in your nose, how high it has to be before, you
2 know, collect urine samples and how high it has to be to get a whole
3 body count. Then they ship them down to RMC.

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5 YUHAS: You are not painting a very attractive picture of good health
6 physics practices in compliance with regulatory process. Has this
7 posture you are describing changed since the incident?

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9 EGENRIEDER: I would say no.

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11 YUHAS: Could you give us some examples of what is going on.

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13 EGENRIEDER: Well let me think. Now as far as Unit 1 up to now, Unit
14 1 with NSS foremen there, you know, it is pretty much up to snuff, you
15 know, everything seemed like it, you know, it was right at your fingertips.
16 Unit 2, you could go over there and, you know, I know I remember one
17 instance I was sitting up, I guess it was the second day or the third
18 day of the accident, I forget exactly when it was, it was when I was
19 going over there to do the Turbine Building sample, I mean the Turbine
20 Building survey. I was sitting up there at the HP control point in
21 the control room and two of the NRC people came in and they came over
22 to our foreman and they said, hey this air activity for this RWP,
23 where the hell did you get it. And both the foremen looked at each
24 other like, hey help me out because I don't know. So finally it was
25 Pete Valez and Bob McCameron, the foremen. Pete says why I copied it

1 off a previous RWP, you know. and he said well let me see it and they
2 hunted and hunted and they couldn't find the RWP that he copied it off
3 of. So, you know, it was funny, you know, cause finally, you know,
4 you could see our foreman's true colors, you know, they are sitting
5 there completely baffled, they finally got caught in their laxity, you
6 know, and then finally I think it was John White, I think it is John,
7 he said okay until you can document that number, I am going to cancel
8 all work in this area. And, you know, they just really sweated it out
9 and they went digging and digging and then they finally found the RWP
10 that had a number on it, you know, where he copied it off if, but I
11 don't know how, I think he said it was, you know, like a two day old
12 number that he used or something like that.

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14 YUHAS: Is that unusual to use more than day old survey data?

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16 EGENRIEDER: No, that's the way, the way we operate in Unit 1, its,
17 you know, its up to normal like for airborne activity on the RWP, like
18 they said, if you don't see anything on RM8 or RM9 it is less than 3
19 times 10 to the minus 10th. And that's what we use, you could, you
20 could really go through almost all our RWPs and you'll see that less
21 than 3 to the minus 10, but you don't see any gamma scans or any, you
22 know, air activities, you know, to support that number.

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24 YUHAS: We understand that in the last couple of days that Met Ed HP
25 Department is taking over Unit 1. Could you give us an idea of what's
going to happen in Unit 1 as a result of this.

1 EGENRIEDER: Okay, well I found out on Thursday morning that the NSS
2 people were going to take over Unit 2, rad services was going to be
3 terminated and that all Met Ed health physics people were going to
4 come back and do Unit 1 HP and Unit 1 and Unit 2 chemistry so on
5 hearing this I went up to Tom Mullavey and I asked him, I said would
6 it be possible to leave Dale Ferguson and Bob Hornbeck, which are the
7 NSS foremen, to leave those two people assigned to Unit 1 and, you
8 know, to run our troops and leave our health physics foreman over in
9 Unit 2. And, you know, Tom said definitely not, you know, he said we
10 just can't do that. And I proceeded to tell him, you know, how it was
11 the first time since I have been here since 1974 that I really felt
12 comfortable working in Unit 1 HP, that when someone came to me with a
13 question I had everything at my fingertips. I could answer almost any
14 problem someone had, you know, we had up-to-date surveys constantly
15 with air samples and, you know, it was really, we had the respect of
16 everybody in the plant. Okay, not only the technicians that were
17 working in Unit 1 but also the foreman, you know, no one was afraid to
18 take, you know, Ferguson or Hornbeck's advice and, you know, I explained
19 that to Tom and he said well when we get back, when we get our troops
20 over here we'll go back to normal, you know, and I just was dumbfounded
21 at his response and I left it go. So then I kept stewing about this
22 all Thursday night so Friday I called up Jim Seelinger, which is Unit
23 1 superintendent, I asked him if I could talk to him so about 4:00 in
24 the afternoon he called me and told me, you know, that he could see
25 me. So I went in and I, you know, I did the same thing with him, you

1 know, I told him the problem, you know, I said first of all are you
2 aware of the fact that we are taking over Unit 1, you know. He said,
3 well he heard it, he wasn't sure if it was going to happen or not.
4 And I, you know, I proceeded to tell him the same thing I told Tom
5 and, you know, he sorta, you know, make it look like it was the
6 health physics seniors that were responsible for the laxity in the
7 job, you know, he kept defending his foreman to the till, you know,
8 saying, you know, it was because of us that, you know, the health
9 physics program can't work cause we don't have any drive and we don't
10 have any initiative and don't show any type of leadership. And I just
11 threw on to him, I says hey how can we show leadership you know, when
12 our foreman can't show any, you know, I said we make a decision and if
13 the operators don't like it they go to our foreman and the foremen
14 give in to them. I said how can we operate like that and he didn't
15 really give me any answer. He just, you know, a sing song, so you
16 know I left, when I left he said well I guess I didn't give you the
17 answer you wanted to hear. I said no but you gave me the answer I
18 expected and just walked the hell out of his office. He wasn't too
19 happy with our little session. But, you know, I said something to
20 Dale Ferguson about it and he said I can't believe that, you know,
21 they would they would allow people to come in, you know, like they had
22 no idea what was going on, Dale and Bob had no idea what was going in
23 Unit 2 and they just threw them over there. Saturday morning came and
24 there they went, you know, they just swapped positions, you know, like
25 it was really unfair to the foreman, you know, to do something like

1 that, and as it turns out it just so happened that on, I brought this
2 up to Jim Seelinger on Friday, I said well tomorrow morning they're
3 drawing a Unit 2 primary sample in the primary lab and I said our
4 foremen have no idea what to do there and I heard it was a big fiasco,
5 you know, when they drew it, you know, they came down hard on Bob
6 McCann because he had no control at all of the area when they were
7 drawing the sample. It just goes to show they don't, I don't feel
8 that they care about the health physics program at all, they are just
9 a bunch of yes people and, you know, that's all that's to it. We had
10 an instance right after that neutron dealing we had, we had a big
11 conference where Joe Logan came over and talked to us, you know, sort
12 of like criticized us for not bringing up to their attention, you
13 know, the neutron problem and he says, you know, you have to, he says
14 you want to make things work you got to communicate with your foreman,
15 you got to tell your foreman, so we got on to a thing about, you know,
16 we kept saying, well, you know, when they come down and tell us they
17 want to go in Unit 2's Reactor Building we always said no, we won't
18 let you go in. But it takes the shift supervisor, the health physic
19 supervisor, and the Unit superintendent to get permission to go inside
20 the D ring at power. So, you know, those three would always give it
21 no matter what, so he came up with the idea okay from now on the only
22 person that can authorize entrance is me. And I said well that's
23 sounds good, Joe, I said but, you know, but when we're on back shift
24 and you're home the shift supervisor comes down and says, well I
25 called Joe Logan and he said we can go in. I said do I call him a

1 liar or do I say okay well you're telling the truth, go ahead. I says
2 well if you are going to authorize entrance why can't you call us and
3 tell us. He said no, I live sixty miles away I can't be bothered.
4 That was his response to that. So we kept on about this communication
5 bit and I said, well I said you know, I think, you know, you're really
6 off the beaten track here cause we do our surveys on a daily basis and
7 I says we put them in a box and the foreman initials them every day.
8 He initials the surveys. I says for the last four years now you have
9 had a million PPM almost in every cubicle of the Unit 1 Aux Building.
10 I says now the foreman signs these surveys so either he's not looking
11 at what he's signing or he's couldn't care less. So the next day the
12 foreman stopped, you know, initialing the RWPs. And they blame that
13 on lack of communication. During the refueling outage when I was in
14 control, since I am the senior on shift, I was always in control of
15 the lab. So I would, you know, ask our foreman, I said hey our 281
16 Aux Building is ridiculous. I said the main hallwals you can't even
17 go through them anymore without getting contaminated. So I said, you
18 know, get me some utility workers so we support them. No I can't do
19 it, they just can't give me any. So I would get on the phone and I
20 would call the shift supervisor and I would say hey we need some
21 utility workers so he would call up and in 6 to 10 minutes I would
22 have more utility workers than I needed. He wouldn't care if they are
23 working double or triple shifts, if they wanted to stay to decon, he
24 let them, whereas our foreman, you know, they would just not do it.
25 So finally we did, we started to get it squared away and what happens

1 on turnover you pass it onto the foreman that, okay there's a foreman
2 on shift with us by the way during refueling outage, okay, but the
3 senior has to take charge, you know, he has to be the one to direct
4 this kind of stuff. So when we decon something I always like to have
5 an HP man right there so if they decon an area he's there swiping
6 right behind them so he can keep the step-off pad progressing. So,
7 you know, as long as, you know, I am there to make sure it's being
8 done, it gets done but then as soon as shift gets changed the foreman
9 forgets about it, the guys are down there scrubbing, no one's down
10 there backing them up. You come back the next day and the whole area
11 is crapped up, you know, we spent three days like that deconing the
12 same area because the foreman wouldn't make sure it was followed up,
13 you know, after the shift change. I don't feel they make any type of,
14 what do I want to say, they don't try at all to correct, to alleviate
15 the situations down there. We've had pumps and valves, the packings
16 been leaking since before we went critical. They are still leaking.
17 All our primary sample points go to the floor in Unit 1, okay, they
18 keep saying well the engineers in Reading have to, you know, approve
19 it, you know, the design changes to put the sample throughs in and
20 what they have is little tiny sample troughs that you can't even get
21 the bottle in, you know, because for one thing the sample line goes
22 down into the trough, you know, so how can you really draw a sample.
23 So, you know, we bitched and bitched before Unit 1 even went critical,
24 we said hey this is going to be a problem, you know, we got Unit 1's
25 BWST draining to the floor, the both evaporators, the feed tanks drain

1 to the floor, you know, and they kept saying oh no, it is a design
2 change and has to go through the channels, okay, now this has been
3 what five years. Where in Unit 2 we noticed the same problems and
4 like within two weeks they were done. Now tell me what the difference
5 is, you know, I really don't know.

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7 YUHAS: Let me ask you a question that may hit home a little bit but
8 based on the attitude that you're putting across as far as the formality
9 of operations, do you believe that there may be any instances where
10 dosimeter results had been screwed with and not honestly entered into
11 the Form-5 system.

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13 EGENRIEDER: Well yea, we have caught some shift supervisors using the
14 wrong badges, you know, if they're high. We had this, I think we
15 caught most of them but in this last refueling program when the operators
16 were getting a lot of exposure, you know, we caught people going in
17 trying to get in without them. We really don't have, we don't have
18 someone sitting there making sure every person who goes into the
19 Reactor Building has his TLD on, you know. because there's one person
20 to the control point and there is 50 to 100 people going through there
21 an hour, you know, and you are trying to make sure they are undressing
22 properly and, you know, logging their exposures in and out and making
23 sure they log their times in and out of the building so you really
24 don't have time to make sure everybody has it, you know. There were
25 several instances where some of the shift supervisors and the foremen
would pick up somebody else's badge.

1 YUHAS: Can you give us specifically some instances, names.

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3 EGENRIEDER: Well Bernie Smith is the biggest offender.

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5 YUHAS: You mean, let me just comment on that. You mean you had this
6 problem with Mr. Smith more than once.

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8 EGENRIEDER: Yea.

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10 YUHAS: Can you describe it.

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12 EGENRIEDER: Well, you know, what can I say like you just see, you
13 know, you'll see him in an area, he won't have his TLD on, he'll say
14 its back in my rack, you know, big deal. Or you would see somebody
15 with the wrong one, see him with the wrong one, oh I guess I grabbed
16 the wrong one by mistake, you know, the way the racks are, you know,
17 it would be easy if you are not, you know, an honest person could
18 easily make a mistake, okay, just by reaching in the wrong cubicle,
19 you know, because the way the, I think we alleviated the problem, but
20 the racks used to be the numbers were the numbers were above, above
21 the dosimetry and the way the racks looked, it looked like the numbers
22 should have been below so, you know, people were picking the one above
23 by mistake.
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1 YUHAS: So in these times that you have crossed with Mr. Smith, is
2 that an excuse that he gave you or that what he told you, that he
3 picked up the wrong one.

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5 EGENRIEDER: Yea, yea.

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7 YUHAS: Did you document that.

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9 EGENRIEDER: No, like I said earlier it doesn't prove to document
10 anything. Okay.

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12 YUHAS: Are you afraid to document something like to that with respect
13 to Mr. Smith.

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15 EGENRIEDER: Yea, really I am because you know, well we had an instance
16 where he came into the lab one day and it was during some type of
17 outage and I was the senior in charge. He came up to me and said why
18 in the hell are all these guys sitting around here. And I said hey
19 Bernie, why you don't you go up into the control room area and you see
20 how many operators are sitting around. I said we're sitting back here
21 waiting for something to happen, providing escort service and stuff
22 like that. I said I will worry about my people, you worry about
23 yours. And he said, don't you ever forget one thing, I am in charge
24 here, you answer to me, you know, and he threatens people and I guess
25 he has a lot of weight around here cause anyone that dumb really, I

1 wouldn't see why he would be in that position, you know, only when a
2 shift supervisor has to call up a technician, you know, I mean not so
3 much as for HP but for chemistry and ask him a basic question. Even
4 some of the tech specs you know. what's the spec on this, you know.
5 I can't see where he's really a qualified person, you know, that's a
6 personal opinion but I can't see where he would be a qualified person
7 to run a plant especially be in charge of the department that he's
8 asking the question of.

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10 YUHAS: Are there other individuals now who you had problems with
11 either not wearing dosimetry or wearing other peoples dosimetry or
12 situations where you suspect they are attempting to deceive?

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14 EGENRIEDER: Well we had some instances where, okay, what we would
15 rely on most of the time is the dosimeter reading, okay and if the
16 dosimeter goes off scale or if they are getting close to the, you
17 know, quarterly limit then we read your TLD to get an up dated result.
18 But we had several instances with Tex Acker for one, he would not give
19 us the true dosimeter reading to make it look like it was always low.

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21 YUHAS: What was his name.

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23 EGENRIEDER: Tex Acker
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1 YUHAS: Acker.

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3 EGENRIEDER: Yea. Okay and that's about, I would say they are two
4 biggest, oh Ken Bryan sort of, I had trouble with him earlier but then
5 I showed him I wasn't going to take any shit from him. And he sort of
6 straightened out.

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8 YUHAS: How the intimidation of the operations group of say any tech
9 right now appears to be able to go over and read a meter or readout a
10 TLD, okay, during this first three days we have indications that
11 people who are taking large doses were going over there reading their
12 own badges.

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14 EGENRIEDER: Personally I can't believe that because I don't think the
15 people really know how to operate the machine.

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17 YUHAS: I am talking about HP techs.

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19 EGENRIEDER: Oh health physics, oh yea sure that's normal.

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21 YUHAS: Okay is there any reason to believe that an individual might
22 have exceeded a regulatory limit that operations management would have
23 told them not to enter his dose?
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1 EGENRIEDER: No I don't really think so. Personally I don't believe
2 that cause for one guy, the guys who could be easily persuaded to do
3 that they would brag about how much dose they get. They think it is a
4 contest, you know, like they are winning a race and it seems like the
5 person with, the person whose the better technician works more overtime
6 and gets the most exposure. That's the way some of these people feel
7 in our department including our foreman and I really don't think
8 anybody would lie on that. Of course when we had that incident with
9 the neutron exposure, some of the technicians accused me of doing
10 that, you know, entering, just going down and typing it on the teletype
11 which would be easy to do, you could just go down and type in the
12 numbers and with, you know, with your TLD number make it look accurate
13 and how could they disprove it.

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15 YUHAS: Is there any reason that you might suspect that an individual
16 either precipitated or may have aggravated the incident on March 28th.

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18 COLLINS: Willfully.

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20 EGENRIEDER: I would say no. I really don't think anybody, you know,
21 would do something like that. I realize there is a bunch, there is a
22 lot of friction between, you know, like union and company and even
23 company and upper management, you know, there is a lot of friction but
24 I don't think anyone would do, you know, I think people would be more
25 aware of the consequences what could happen not only to the plant but

1 to themselves and to the public, you know, something really drastic
2 happen. But I can't, you know, I can't believe someone would sabotage,
3 you know, I think the main fault, I think Met Ed crippled their own
4 plant because they rushed it, they definitely rushed Unit 2 and the
5 lack of training in Unit 2, you know, was terrible, most of the operators
6 in Unit 2 are, you know, right off the ships. And you know, where as
7 Unit 1 they had years and years and years of training, you know, and
8 you just didn't have that in Unit 2. Even really from the health
9 physics standpoint I could go over there now and someone ask me about
10 an area and I would say I have no idea what you are talking about.
11 Cause there is a lot of areas I have never been in.

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13 COLLINS: With regard to operator training, what you are using to base
14 your conclusion that they lack training.

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16 EGENRIEDER: Okay well when you call, when you call up a control room
17 operator and ask him a question about the plant, he says I don't know
18 I couldn't tell you, you know, or you overhear the operators talking
19 among themselves, we don't know how this operates, we don't know how
20 that operates, okay, the fact that they had to have, you know, in the
21 whole startup program they had to have a babysitter down there with
22 the operators on the polisher to keep it from tripping to make sure
23 they regenerate them properly and stuff like that. I think that's a
24 basic, you know.
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1 COLLINS: Your talking Aux operators rather than

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3 EGENRIEDER: Oh right I am talking, well we had some experiences where
4 you call CRO up, you know, Control Room Operator, and ask him a question
5 and he said well I don't know, you know, like atmospheric monitors,
6 things like that, you know, like we have no training at all when the
7 HPR units over in Unit 2, and like we would call them and ask them
8 questions and they said I couldn't tell you.

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10 COLLINS: Would, have you ever had any indication from operational
11 point of view that the operators had problems with their training in
12 Unit 2.

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14 EGENRIEDER: Well I had, before the accident I had one of the CRO's
15 come down, Hal Hartman, I think he left now, I am not sure but I
16 haven't seen him, but he came down one time we were talking something
17 was irritating me so I had a fight with Fred Huwe or something, you
18 know, I was really pissed off and he came down and we were just shooting
19 the bull and he was telling me about his experiences in the control
20 room, how uncomfortable he felt, you know, from his standpoint cause
21 he didn't think he was trained properly enough, you know, he think a
22 lot of things were lax. I think this was right after that neutron
23 incident when he said, well I think there's a water shield up there
24 but I am not sure, you know, and I think it's supposed to be checked
25 but I don't think we have procedures, you know what I mean, things

1 like that. Just from general conversations with him you can tell that
2 they don't really know exactly whats going on. The Unit 1 operators
3 are assigned to Unit 2, like I think on every rotation one operator or
4 two operators is put over in Unit 2, you know, for the whole rotation
5 and then go back to Unit 1 and just from their point of view, well I
6 don't want to go over there, you know, I don't like it over there, you
7 know, that general attitude they weren't comfortable in that unit.

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9 COLLINS: Have you had any direct input, I know some of the HP technicians
10 have had some operational training, they were operators in study or
11 whatever, have you had any of that type of training.

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13 EGENRIEDER: No. The only thing was just what you learned, you know,
14 just from going through flow prints and stuff like that. No we had
15 the basic, you know, this is a condenser, this is what this does, you
16 know, I knew that from Crawford, you know, they just added the primary
17 side on...

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19 COLLINS: I have a couple of other questions not specifically related
20 to this topic. This is Collins again. With regard to your training,
21 your original training and other training you had since then, for
22 example, going from junior tech to senior tech, what kind of evaluations
23 were made to determine the level of your training, you say that you
24 have taken general employee tests once a year what other tests or
25 methods of evaluation of your training have been made by the licensee.

1 EGENRIEDER: That's it.

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3 COLLINS: Were there no tests for you to either demonstrate to a
4 foreman or supervisor or any written or oral tests when you went from
5 a junior to a senior tech.

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7 EGENRIEDER: I am trying to think when I came off my probation, my
8 first 90 days down here I had the, I think I had the 60 and the 90 day
9 evaluation, you know the oral evaluation where they ask us a couple of
10 questions, you know, at that time they ask us, it was right after we
11 were done with the Dick Bower tapes, you know they had asked us about
12 the five region curve and things like that. Things that now I have
13 forgotten. You know I basic idea what they are but I couldn't really,
14 you know, explain it and, you know, that was with flying colors, you
15 know, everybody seemed to pass them. Then when we became, when we
16 went from junior to seniors the only training at all that we got when
17 we went from junior to senior was training on the MCA. Ken Fredericks
18 went through us and showed us how to do an energy cal and how, you
19 know, how to tweak it in to make it right, you know, explain a couple
20 principles, you know, not much theory but just a couple principles of
21 how the MCA works. What to do with the MCA.

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23 COLLINS: Were you then given, asked to demonstrate your ability to
24 operate the MCA.
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1 EGENRIEDER: Well all we did then, you know, like he took, there was
2 four of us at the time, you know, who came off probation at the same
3 time for senior and he just took all four of us in there and he would
4 mess up the high voltage, not the high voltage set, but the gain setting
5 and the input offset volts, he would just take them out of cal and
6 make us calibrate it, you know, using those two knobs. Inasfar as
7 operating it it is real easy, you just erase it and press a start you
8 know, no problem, but that, then I guess after we got it calibrated we
9 ran a gamma scan on a concentrated waste storage tank I think and he
10 wanted to make sure that we could bring, you know, do the weighted
11 mean activities and bring them down and, you know, be able to determine
12 what isotopes were there and which ones really weren't, you know,
13 using the abundance tables and things like that.

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15 COLLINS: Going back to something you mentioned earlier, you made a
16 comment that it was your opinion or impression, I don't know exactly
17 how you phrased it, that coming out of the outage there probably was a
18 shortage of instruments. Were you involved in any inventory, weekly
19 inventory of instruments or anything that would give you a quantified
20 conclusion as to the shortage of instruments?

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22 EGENRIEDER: About the only way you could get, the only inventory we
23 took was when we opened the cupboard trying to find an instrument like
24 we have a cupboard for E520s, an cupboard for teletectors and so
25 forth, you know, you go to one cupboard there is none, then you go to

1 another cupboard there's none in, you go to an air sampler cupboard
2 there isn't any. You see everything sitting on the To Be Repaired
3 sheif, or, you know, you can go upstairs into the instrument shop and
4 see them in their storage bins all torn apart. This is, for years
5 we've had this problem. And like we would call our supervisor and we
6 say hey we need it. Oh okay, I'll try to get to them. And that's it.

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8 YUHAS: I today went through the calibration sheets, you know the
9 sheets you fill out as the date calibrated, date due.

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11 EGENRIEDER: - Right.

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13 YUHAS: I went through all those and I find some numbers roughly, of
14 the 16 teletectors, on the day of the incident, 4 were operable. Of
15 16 or 15 E520s six were operable. Of about 14 or 15 PIC6As 4 were
16 operable, no PN4s were operable, by operable I mean either in service
17 and in calibration, that's my definition of operable. Does that see
18 typical of what you...

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20 EGENRIEDER: No I would say it is probably a lot less than that because
21 that book really isn't up to, you know, our documentation is really
22 bad, you know, it really is, cause there is so many people like, you
23 know, we have been stressing the point, we say we should have one
24 person responsible for just that, make sure the instruments are in
25 calibration, you know, make sure the, we used to have a portable

1 instrument sign-out book, okay, so every instrument that went out of
2 the lab, you know accompanied somebody into an area, we knew who had
3 it and where it went. That fell by the wayside two days after it
4 started because just too many people dealing, too many people who
5 don't care , you know, they are just there to get paid. And that's
6 it. They can't get involved in their jobs, and once in a while, you
7 know, one of the foreman will come back and say I want an inventory,
8 you know, it takes you three days to locate instruments. I know
9 during the whole refueling outage we were short, in fact, I think it
10 was yours, you asked about going into areas without instruments, well
11 I am pretty positive that in our procedure for Reactor Building entry
12 it says anytime you go into the Reactor Building you will carry a dose
13 rate instrument. That was waived during refueling outage cause the
14 instruments were short but really you only ever had the problem in
15 Unit 1, Unit 2 you never had that problem, if the RM14s came due, you
16 know Fred always called the I and C shop and they were calibrated that
17 day. You know when it needed to be repaired and was calibrated right
18 away. It is strictly the foreman.

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20 COLLINS: With regard to the Reactor Building entry and waiving of
21 carrying survey instruments, how did this waiver, how was this waiver
22 communicated and who communicated it?

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24 EGENRIEDER: Pete Valez told me verbally, you know I say hey we can't
25 send these people in, there's no instruments... Hey, they don't really

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1 need one if there is none. Like the first floor you know you have
2 areas of property of less than 5 or more, if you get around the core
3 flood tanks you know right around the penetrations, you get some high
4 contact readings. We kept saying, well Pete the procedure is they
5 will have... yeah, but they don't need one.

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7 COLLINS: So this was not in the form of a general waiver but a specific
8 waiver for specific RWPs.

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10 EGENRIEDER: Well no just general, you know, if it wasn't you know if
11 it wasn't a high rad area in the Reactor Building you didn't have to
12 wear it then, you didn't have to use one.

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14 COLLINS: About high rad you mean greater than

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16 EGENRIEDER: Greater than 100.

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18 YUHAS: I would like to terminate the interview at this time because
19 we are about out of tape and I think we have covered about all areas
20 and I think that, feel free to come back and talk to us and we'll
21 probably be talking to you again. Maybe not on tape though. Is that
22 agreeable?

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24 EGENRIEDER: Definitely, I mean want to see, like I told Seelinger on
25 Friday I said I went through my chain, I went to the top, I said your

1 bringing your Unit 1 foreman back, okay the first time I catch someone
2 doing something out of procedure I am going right to the NRC.
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