

Georgia Power Inspection - Hatch
Knuckle Section Incident Notes
3-22-70 3-26-1970

On above dates [redacted] J. Varela inspected construction in progress at Hatch [redacted] the Principal Inspector and Varela the Construction Specialist. Report of Varela's findings were submitted to [redacted] Supervisor. [redacted] stated on 4-6-70 "It's a good report" and added "we should consider the knuckle section incident a safety item". Both [redacted] agreed with Varela that a CDN would be issued to GPO for failure to comply with Code requirements - viz: Failure to notify the Code Inspector, approval of repair procedure, qualification of the procedure and the welders assigned etc - not to forget, notification to AEC. The following day [redacted] asked the writer to come to his office - I did so and found two GEP upper management people there Rudy Staffa QA and CW Hays. Staffa asked "How are you going to report the knuckle section incident?" I advised him that we would issue a Construction Deficiency Notice (CDN) for the violations of the Darter Code. Staffa became angry and stated "we are all aware of the seriousness of the incident".

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but since we are going to repair
the knuckle system, we should not
be cited with a CDH"
Staffa was obviously alerted or he
and Flays would not have come to
AEC offices. I reminded him that
had I not accidentally stumbled upon
the illegal hasty repair it would have
been overlooked. It was an obvious
attempt to conceal a defect and
save money.

I advised Staffa that his inspectors
were not familiar with the Boiler Code
Staffa answered "I realize that some
of my people are lacking in experience
but we are doing our best to do a
good job" I countered "you have a
problem" Staffa countered "well,
there are people in the AEC that are
also inexperienced" - Looking at his
former sergeant VB Staffa was then
called to the phone and without ex-
cusing myself I walked out
Following day [redacted] showed me
my report which he had excised and
whitewashed. I objected and stated
that I would not sign it. A day later
[redacted] agreed that a CDH would
be sent but that the citation would
state that it was a weakness in CQA

I said no, it's a failure to conform
to with the construction requirements,
namely Section VIII of the Boiler Code. 9

██████████ became angry and stated
"I'm fed up with all the phone calls from
Georgia Power" I told him that it was his fault
for trying to protect Staffa and his
unwillingness to accept my report as written
I added "Tell em to go to hell"

Later ██████████ advised me that he and
Morris Howard had arrived at a perfect
CDN which they had written on a black
board - it read "A stress relieved sect-
ion of the containment which was
damaged was repaired without use
approved procedure necessitating its
removal and subsequent stress reliev-
ing" I said, "that's not correct and
added "Welding the stress relieved
knicks to the containment is permissi-
ble and that we simply quote the
Code violation's re-batim. Howard
agreed and erased the board but
expressed the opinion that the CDN
should be written against the GP
Quality Control

██████████ continued to harass me and
Staffa, his attempts to induce me to change
my position. I then asked John Davis to
advise Staffa to discontinue his visits to
my office

Finally [REDACTED] again threatened
me by stating "If you don't cooper-
ate you won't work on any of
my sites

SEE MY COMMENTS ON [REDACTED]
MEMO