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In the Matter of	)	
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METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY	)	Docket No. 50-289
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(Three Mile Island Nuclear	)	(Reopened Proceeding)
Station, Unit No. 1)	)	

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My name is Harry E. Williams, Jr. I am a high school graduate and I was honorably discharged after serving almost eight years in the United States Navy. I served on a nuclear helicopter carrier, the U.S.S. Guadalcanal, and when I finished in the Navy was a supervisor of a group of men involved in communications work. I am married and have two children.

In January of 1979 I started working for Gregg Security Services as a security guard at Three Mile Island. My duties were to stand watch and to check people's badges to make sure they were authorized to be where they were.

On Saturday, April 28, 1979, I took a Radiation Work Permit (RWP) course. I was supposed to have taken it with other security personnel, but I had been sick and so I ended up taking it with construction workers for Catalytic, Inc. There were approximately fifty of us in the course.

The course started at about 8 a.m. and lasted for several hours. I asked several questions during the course, but I noticed that a lot of people seemed like they weren't paying much attention at all. I wondered why that was, at the time.

Immediately after the instruction was over, about 3 p.m., we were given a test. This test took place in the same building but in another room. The instructor passed out the tests, and answer sheets, and extra pencils. The test was made up of 50 multiple-choice questions. Then he talked for a few minutes about how to take the test, and then he left and closed the door.

After I worked on the test for a while I sat back to take a breather. I noticed that a number of people were using crib sheets to help them on the test. I didn't try to count heads but the people I saw were all using these crib sheets, including the man next to me. There were two different crib sheets, because there were two different tests.

I got a real good look at these crib sheets after the test was over because I talked with two of the Catalytic workers who used them and they let me look at them. They were on white paper, 8 1/2 by 11, with the words "METROPOLITAN EDISON" printed in black at the top, like on a piece of letterhead. Everything else on the page was typed. Just under "METROPOLITAN EDISON" were the words "ANSWERS FOR TEST A" or "ANSWERS FOR TEST B," depending on which it was. Then the answers were arranged in numerical order, from one to 50 in columns, with the answers next to them.

A while after the test had started, a lot of people were leaving, and one of the other men taking the test said out loud that everyone was finishing the test too quickly, and that some people were going to have to stay longer and wander out one or two at a time. He also said to be sure not to get all the answers right, or else the instructor would know they were cheating. Some people said "O.K." and some didn't answer, but they all stayed there then.

Eventually the instructor came back in and said the time limit was up. The people who were still left, including me and about ten other people, went up one at a time to have their tests corrected.

After I had my test corrected, I went out into the room where the course had been given, and two Catalytic workers came up to me and we started talking. They complimented me on how alert I was in class, and we talked for a while. They told me that to help them get through the test they were supplied the answers. One of them said that Met Ed had given the answers to his foreman, who passed them out. I asked to see the answer sheets, and he pulled them out of his pocket and handed them to me. I looked at them carefully and then handed them back to him. Then they said they had to go.

I watched them go over and turn in their answers sheets to the foreman, who was standing by a fence. I also saw the same thing done by most of the other people who had still been in the room when the instructor came back. There were some other people on the other side of the fence waiting to get the answer sheets so they could take the RWP course. I watched the foreman hand out the crib sheets to this group. Then I left.

The RWP test was only one of four things on a check-off sheet that you had to have filled out before you could get your RWP sticker. The second one was to get a physical check-up. The other two were to get a whole-body count and to be shown how to put your air mask on and fit it properly.

Because it took so long to get my physical check-up I didn't get a chance to have a whole-body count or have my mask fitted. I knew how to use an air mask though because I had had this training when I was in the Navy.

On Sunday I was off, and on Monday I spoke with Sgt. Rick Finnicle, who was a Metropolitan Edison sargeant. He asked if I completed the four things on the check-off sheet. I said no, and

explained what happened. He said that was OK and signed the check-off sheet as being completed. Then he put the RWP sticker on my badge.

I felt a little funny about getting the RWP sticker without finishing all four sections of the check-off sheet, because they are all related to safety. For example, later on that same day, April 30, 1979, I was on my way to Gate 10 to stand watch when there was an unplanned radiation release. After I got to Gate 10 the word was passed that there was going to be another release. Shortly after that a Catalytic foreman came up and said that some of his men were still up on the roof working on the contaminated air filters and he was going up to bring them down. After he went up to the roof, the second radiation venting took place, and then the Catalytic workers came down. The foreman said that they had run to the other side of the roof and huddled together, but they hadn't put their masks on. I think that if they had been properly trained they would have known to put their masks on.