



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: File

FROM: John R. Sinclair, Investigator  
Office of Inspector and Auditor

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF IE EFFORTS PERTAINING TO INVESTIGATIONS  
OF ALLEGED CONSTRUCTION DEFICIENCIES AT THE ZIMMER  
NUCLEAR FACILITY (APPLEGATE)

On February 3, 1981, the Office of Inspector and Auditor (OIA) was telephonically contacted by Mr. Thomas Devine, Deputy Director, Government Accountability Project (GAP), who was attempting to establish the current status of both the OIA and IE investigations into claims made by Thomas Applegate.

Mr. Devine was advised that it was too early to make any complete assessments of the OIA investigative effort, however, work had been initiated and all of the initial information was being reviewed. In response to the question of the IE investigative effort, Mr. Devine was advised that preliminary work was currently being done, but as yet there had not been a formulation of a new IE investigation team. Mr. Devine indicated that he was not requesting a formal or official status report, but was merely trying to obtain a general picture of how things were proceeding.

Mr. Devine stated the primary purpose of his call was to apprise OIA that his organization had obtained additional affidavits from individuals, some of whom appear to have firsthand knowledge of specific alleged construction deficiencies at Zimmer.

Mr. Devine indicated that there were approximately a dozen (12) new affidavits and statements (some unsigned). He believed that the information would assist NRC in resolving some of the allegations raised by Thomas Applegate and wanted to share the information. Mr. Devine explained that he had been contacting individuals who appeared to have specific information in order to obtain affidavits. During this process many of the individuals expressed concern as to their "anonymity" and requested written guarantees from GAP explaining the restrictions on the confidentiality of their statements. According to Devine, GAP had provided this, but had not yet received an NRC memorandum restating the confidentiality procedures expressed during the first meeting (January 7, 1981) between OIA and GAP representatives. Mr. Devine again requested the document and reiterated that the new information in his possession was available for OIA at our convenience.

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