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1 BEFORE THE  
2 U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
3 In the Matter of: )  
4 INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEW OF: )  
5 GARY D. BARRETT )  
6 (CLOSED) )

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8 Conference Room  
9 Sequoyah Fuels  
10 Gore, Oklahoma

11  
12 Friday, March 1, 1991

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14 The above-entitled matter convened for  
15 INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEW pursuant to notice at 4:21 p.m.

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MR. CHAPMAN: For the record, this is an interview  
3 of Gary P. --

4 MR. BARRETT: D.

5 MR. CHAPMAN: I'm sorry, Gary D. Barrett who is  
6 employed by Sequoyah Fuels Corporation, Gore, Oklahoma. The  
7 location of this interview is the Sequoyah Fuels Facility,  
8 Gore, Oklahoma. The date is March 1, 1991 and the time is  
9 4:25 p.m.

10 Present at this interview in addition to Mr.  
11 Barrett is Larry Chapman with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory  
12 Commission, Office of Investigations.

13 Mr. Barrett, before I swear you in for this  
14 testimony, I want to make a couple of facts available for  
15 you. One, you had an opportunity prior to our discussion to  
16 confer with Mr. Ira Shapiro, who is an attorney with the law  
17 firm of Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam and Roberts of Washington,  
18 D.C., and understand that he was a lawyer representing  
19 Sequoyah Fuels Corporation. And you and Mr. Shapiro had a  
20 discussion about his representation here and you agreed that  
21 if he wasn't here, it was agreeable with you, correct?

22 MR. BARRETT: That's correct.

23 MR. CHAPMAN: Furthermore, I have discussed with  
24 you the fact that should you at any time during our interview  
25 here decide that you wish to have an attorney, you may

1 certainly get one of your choice and that you may do so prior  
2 or any time during my interview with you. Do you understand  
3 that, sir?

4 MR. BARRETT: Yes, I do.

5 MR. CHAPMAN: Before I start, do you wish to have  
6 an attorney present before we start our interview?

7 MR. BARRETT: Not at this time.

8 MR. CHAPMAN: All right, sir. Would you please  
9 stand and raise your right hand for me, sir?  
10 Whereupon,

11 GARY D. BARRETT

12 appeared as a witness herein, and having been first duly  
13 sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

14 MR. CHAPMAN: Please be seated, sir.

15 EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. CHAPMAN:

17 Q Mr. Barrett, would you please first give me a short  
18 synopsis of your background and work experience here with  
19 Sequoyah Fuels, sir?

20 A Okay, I'll do so. I came into the plant in 1971.  
21 At the time I came in, I was a laborer. I worked my way into  
22 the Operations Division to a class A operator. In 1973, I  
23 transferred into the Maintenance Department at the facility  
24 and worked there until 19 -- and in 1985, I was a mechanical  
25 inspector on the new plant, the depleted UF4 plant. In 1986,

1 I was promoted to maintenance planner and in 1990, I  
2 transferred into the position of safety engineer for Sequoyah  
3 Fuels.

4 Q What month in 1990, sir?

5 A June.

6 Q June of 1990?

7 A (Nodding head affirmatively.)

8 Q Can you give me an idea of your duties as safety  
9 engineer? I'm sorry, are you still currently safety  
10 engineer?

11 A Yes.

12 Q What are your duties in this position?

13 A Duties -- primary duties are industrial safety,  
14 industrial hygiene, emergency planning and fire protection.

15 Q All right, sir. Just so the record is clear, you  
16 are not involved with radiological safety? Your job  
17 description deals entirely with industrial safety?

18 A Industrial safety, that's correct. I'm not  
19 qualified to make decisions on radiological safety.

20 Q All right, sir. In that capacity, since you're not  
21 involved with radiological surveys -- or safety, you would  
22 not be familiar with applicable regulations in that area --

23 A No, sir.

24 Q -- as far as values -- uranium values?

25 A No, sir.

1           Q     All right, sir. I had a discussion yesterday with  
2     a Mr. Fryer, Sam Fryer and Mr. Fryer indicated to me that  
3     prior to the excavation of the two underground tanks adjacent  
4     to the solvent extraction building -- north of the solvent  
5     extraction building -- that he came to the Health and Safety  
6     Department and visited with you prior to preparation of this  
7     hazardous work permit. Do you recall it occurring that way,  
8     sir?

9           A     No, sir. I don't recall a conversation with him,  
10    although it is common practice prior to a project that  
11    Engineering is involved with for them to do so.

12          Q     All right, sir. I have in front of me some  
13    hazardous work permits that I understand are the result of  
14    the work that was to be done at the solvent -- at the pit in  
15    the solvent extraction building. You're free to look at  
16    them, and if you would, please tell me if you had any  
17    participation in any of these and identify them by number and  
18    then we will discuss them.

19                   (The witness examines documents.)

20          A     Okay.

21          Q     All right, sir, have you had an opportunity to  
22    review the hazardous work permits that I have?

23          A     Yes, briefly.

24          Q     All right, sir. Can you identify any of them that  
25    you've had input, or if not input, at least some sort of

1 participation with?

2 A Yes. I identify two permits at this time that I  
3 was directly involved with. That would be hazardous work  
4 permits number 1668 and hazardous work permit number 2835.

5 Q Okay, sir. What's the date of hazardous permit  
6 1668?

7 A The date issued is 8-7-90.

8 Q Okay, sir. And for 2835 permit?

9 A That would be the 3rd of August, '90.

10 Q All right, sir. Since permit 2835 appears to have  
11 been issued prior to the other one, let's discuss it first,  
12 if we may, sir.

13 A Okay.

14 Q What is it a permit for?

15 A This is considered, I believe, a dig permit and I  
16 think there was a previous -- another work permit in effect,  
17 1736, which is -- this accompanies the digging permit.

18 Q All right, sir. For the record, what you've saying  
19 is, the permit that you had association with 2835 references  
20 back to permit 1763?

21 A That's correct. The 2835 is in effect only as long  
22 as 1736 is in effect.

23 Q Okay, sir. Looking at 1736 in a moment, do you  
24 recall having any input into the drafting or the writing of  
25 this permit as Mr. Fryer somewhat indicated?

1 A Not on 1736. I do on 2835 and 1668.

2 Q Okay, sir. Let me just clarify a couple of points  
3 here. As I mentioned to you a little earlier, Mr. Fryer  
4 indicated that prior to any permits being prepared regarding  
5 this excavation, he visited with you to discuss the possible  
6 upcoming permits. Do you recall any such meeting?

7 A As I previously said, I don't remember a specific  
8 conversation but it's not an uncommon practice.

9 Q Okay, sir. In any event, had he the possibility of  
10 visiting with you, it would have been relating to industrial  
11 safety?

12 A That's correct.

13 Q And not anything to do with radiological safety?

14 A That's correct.

15 Q Okay, let's discuss a little bit more permit 2835.  
16 Can you give me a brief overview of what 2835's purpose was  
17 in conjunction with 1763, sir?

18 A That would be to establish a digging permit for the  
19 excavation of the tanks at the SX yard.

20 Q Okay, sir. Since the -- as I've understood from  
21 previous testimony, since the actual excavation began on the  
22 1st of August, what would this permit on the 3rd of August be  
23 doing that -- the one issued -- for the record, 1763 appears  
24 to have been issued sometime around July 31st. I believe  
25 that the correct date on this thing.



1           A     This would establish the parameters for excavation  
2     -- the industrial hygiene parameters for excavation.

3           Q     Would these have been -- would you have done this  
4     because they were not identified on the earlier permit, 1736,  
5     or is this just natural --

6           A     I'm not sure that I was -- at the time that I was  
7     aware that 1736 was in effect. As a matter of fact -- oh,  
8     yeah -- obviously, it was for additional instructions.

9           Q     Okay, sir. And then -- since it's strictly a  
10    safety -- an industrial safety permit; moving on to 1668,  
11    which appears to follow that one some four dates later on  
12    August the 7th, I notice the signature on this one is  
13    different that the signature on the 3rd. Can you tell me  
14    which one of the two contains your signature?

15          A     Well, I'm not so sure that they're both not my  
16    signature. I know they are both my handwriting.

17          Q     Do you believe them both to be your signature then,  
18    sir?

19          A     No, obviously 1668, I don't think is my signature.

20          Q     Okay. Well, not to belabor the issue on the  
21    signature, but do you recognize it as one perhaps you had  
22    input with?

23          A     Oh, certainly. I recognize the writing in the  
24    upper area to be my writing.

25          Q     Okay, sir. In conjunction with HWP 1668, what is

1 it's purpose, sir?

2 A Okay, I believe the -- I'm not sure. Let me review  
3 it a little bit.

4 (Witness examines document.)

5 The previous permit issued on the 3rd put the  
6 workers in safety belts, which was a very restrictive  
7 activity and the only reason another HWP, as I recall, was  
8 issued was it does not cover that precaution.

9 Q All right, sir.

10 A It was to relieve the workers of the burden of  
11 wearing safety belts as we progressed and the need -- or as  
12 the appearance of the need diminished.

13 Q Okay, sir. Again, just to make sure that I'm  
14 perfectly clear and the record is clear, these are both in  
15 relation to industrial safety?

16 A That's correct.

17 Q They have nothing to do with radiation?

18 A Well, there is areas which can be covered on --  
19 items which was covered on the original, and radiological  
20 safety is covered on the same permit often times, and at the  
21 time this permit was filled out, it was filled out with the  
22 supervisor of the UO3 area and the Health Physics supervisor,  
23 Kenneth Simeroth had the opportunity to have input into this  
24 permit.

25 Q Sir, who is the supervisor at the UO3 area at this

1 time?

2 A I was trying to think who it was that set down -- I  
3 know it an individual that was not real familiar with  
4 contract rates, WPs, and they asked us in and we all filled  
5 them out together. I did the writing, I think, and we  
6 discussed them together.

7 Q Okay, sir. Since we've pretty well established  
8 that basically these two permits that you had most of the  
9 direct input in were industrial safety, let's take this in  
10 relationship to an earlier question. I asked you about Mr.  
11 Fryer indicating he had some visits with you. Do you know or  
12 remember if there were ever any discussions centering around  
13 the possibility of uranium contamination in that area as you  
14 were involved in these permits and involved in your  
15 participation in it?

16 A No, sir, I'm not aware of that -- any discussions  
17 whatsoever. Going back to my comment, in retrospect, I do  
18 remember sitting in on an engineering project when a general  
19 discussion was carried on and in it, most of it, the  
20 discussion was engineering specifications on the development  
21 of the project. At the time, I had some input to Mr. Fryer  
22 about some additional things after the job completion that  
23 needed to be done.

24 Q But this was a meeting prior to the excavation?

25 A That's correct.

1 Q Okay, sir. Moving on a little bit, sir, into your  
2 participation in the excavation itself, can you give me a  
3 synopsis of when you were present at the excavation and your  
4 degree of participation and your duties that you were to  
5 perform while at the excavation?

6 A Primarily my involvement at the time -- from the  
7 time that the project began, on into the latter parts of it  
8 to completion would have -- I would have spent 25 to 40  
9 percent of my time at the site. At the same time that job  
10 was going on, there were about 20 other special projects  
11 going on. It had the -- it was the center of my attention.  
12 Not that I wasn't concerned about the others. My  
13 observations was for hazards to the workers, industrial  
14 hazards to the workers, and to ensure that they were in  
15 compliance with the precautions as stated on the hazardous  
16 work permit.

17 Q As it relates to industrial safety?

18 A As it relates to industrial safety, that's correct.

19 Q Were you present at the excavation when it first  
20 began -- digging first began?

21 A Yes, I was.

22 Q Were you present through the pouring of the  
23 concrete vault itself, including the footing, walls, et  
24 cetera?

25 A No, sir.

1 Q When did your participation end?

2 A Well, my participation carried through to the  
3 completion of the job. There was certain times that I wasn't  
4 on the site because of other activities or duties though.

5 Q Well, you mentioned 25 to 40 percent of the time.  
6 I'm trying to get some feel of when you were there. When was  
7 the concentration of your time?

8 A At the beginning of the job when the hazards were  
9 most apparent.

10 Q Once the pit had pretty well been dug out, were you  
11 phased off a little bit into your other duties, or did you...

12 A I wasn't phased off. I followed the job probably  
13 for the first week pretty heavy, and then I tapered my  
14 activity off on that project over on to others as need arose.

15 Q As you were there the first week watching the  
16 excavation, did you happen to notice the presence of any  
17 discolored water in the excavation?

18 A Yes, sir, I did.

19 Q Did you happen to notice if that water had any type  
20 of color to it or any type of consistency to it?

21 A Yes, sir. It was yellow.

22 Q Yellow? Basically a tinge of yellow?

23 A A tinge of yellow, yes, sir.

24 Q While you were at the excavation, did you observe  
25 anyone taking samples of the water?

1           A     Sure, I did. I had a special sample pulled on the  
2 7th.

3           Q     You had a sample, yourself, pulled?

4           A     Yes, sir.

5                     Primarily the purpose -- my concern on the sample  
6 that was pulled was because of apparent hydrocarbon on the  
7 surface of the water, which I was concerned about the  
8 flammability of it.

9           Q     Hydrocarbon -- I'm not familiar with chemical  
10 terms. What is that?

11          A     Oily substance.

12          Q     Oily substance. And you say you took a sample  
13 yourself?

14          A     I did not take the sample myself. I had the sample  
15 taken.

16          Q     Do you recall who took it for you?

17          A     I think Carol Couch -- she was down in the hole and  
18 she took the sample and handed it to me and I submitted it to  
19 the laboratory.

20          Q     And you received laboratory results from this?

21          A     Yes, sir, I did.

22          Q     Do you have that laboratory result?

23          A     Yes, sir, I do.

24          Q     Is it identified here -- I have a copy of it here  
25 in front of me that you provided me by request. Is it

1 identified as Laboratory Report Number 900818?

2 A It appears to me that's the number.

3 Q This is called a Special Analysis Request and it  
4 has at the top up here, "requested by Gary Barrett". Does  
5 that appear to be your signature?

6 A Yes, sir, it is.

7 Q Are you the person who submitted this sample to the  
8 laboratory?

9 A Yes, I am.

10 Q It also has a date over here of -- "dated  
11 requested, 8-7-90", is that the date, sir, that you turned it  
12 into the laboratory?

13 A Yes, sir, that is the date.

14 Q I notice it has a Sample Designation. Can you  
15 interpret what that says under Sample Designation?

16 A "Sample Designator of tank excavation site sample."

17 Q Does that equate to the fact that you pulled this  
18 sample out of the SX excavation?

19 A It's to the fact that it was pulled from that site.

20 Q I notice that also -- I assume this is your  
21 handwriting where it asks for TBP hexane nitrates and  
22 percentage of U?

23 A Percentage of U.

24 Q Why would you ask for a percentage of U?

25 A Primarily not being familiar with the methods that

1 uranium is expressed in by Health Physics and other groups.

2 Q Okay, sir. Why would you ask for U: is that just a  
3 natural progression that most people request when they turn  
4 in samples?

5 A Just concern -- I'm not sure it would be. But it  
6 would not be uncommon to ask for that. It was just an add-on  
7 as far as I was concerned. My primary concerns were the TBP  
8 hexane and nitrates.

9 Q I guess, sir, the reason why I was inquiring why  
10 you put that on there, did you have some reason to be  
11 concerned about uranium down there?

12 A Just the -- basically, the color of the water.

13 Q Are you familiar with somewhat of a general amongst  
14 the plant that I perceive that water that has a yellow tinge  
15 to it could contain uranium?

16 A I think that's generally accepted at the facility.

17 Q Okay, sir. I notice that TBP, hexane, nitrates and  
18 U -- it appears that even though you don't show a designator  
19 of percentages for TBP, hexane and nitrates, they appear to  
20 have reported it as such.

21 A That's correct.

22 Q For example, TBP appears to be -- if I can read  
23 that -- less than 80 percent, with a designator of a less  
24 than symbol. Ten percent hexane. Is that correct? I'm  
25 reading this upside down.



1           A     I believe.

2           Q     Nitrates has an X through it, so I assume they  
3     didn't give you a percentage.

4           A     None.

5           Q     And they gave you a number of 1.0. Now is it your  
6     understanding that that means one percent?

7           A     Yes, sir.

8           Q     When you received this -- well, let me make sure --  
9     you did receive this laboratory result back, did you not,  
10    sir?

11          A     Yes, sir, I did.

12          Q     Do you recall when you received it back?

13          A     I believe it was the same day.

14          Q     The same day, sir?

15          A     Uh-huh.

16          Q     Did you mention it to anyone?

17          A     Sure, I did. I supplied copies of the special  
18    report to Carol Couch. I placed one in her mailbox. I  
19    placed one in Mr. Mike Nichols' mailbox and I put one in a  
20    mailer and sent it to Mr. James Mestepey.

21          Q     I asked you if you discussed it and you said,  
22    "sure, I did", and then you talked about mail. What you  
23    meant was, you didn't -- did you ever actually discuss this  
24    laboratory in person with Carol Couch?

25          A     The day afterwards, I believe.

1 Q The day afterwards?

2 A I believe so.

3 Q But some time certainly within a couple of days  
4 after you received this?

5 A Sure.

6 Q How about Mr. Nichols? Did you -- well, I'm sorry.  
7 Let me -- before I move off Ms. Couch, did she indicate to  
8 you that she had received your report?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And she was cognizant of the fact that it was  
11 expressed in percentages?

12 A I'm not sure. I really don't remember the  
13 conversation on that.

14 Q I guess what I'm trying to establish is, you felt  
15 comfortable -- or at least, she made a statement to you that  
16 she had actually physically seen the...

17 A Yes.

18 Q All right, sir. The same with Mr. Mike Nichols;  
19 did you discuss it with him personally?

20 A I do not recall discussing it with Mr. Nichols.

21 Q Okay. How about in the case of Mr. Mestepey? Do  
22 you recall any discussions with him?

23 A Yes. It was either the next day or the day after.  
24 I was in his office and he showed the report to me and asked  
25 me what that was for and I told him it was for his

1 information.

2 Q Did he give you any expressions on it or did you  
3 and he discuss the meaning of a one percent value?

4 A No, sir. I believe that was the end of the  
5 discussion.

6 Q And I failed to ask you this, but the same question  
7 with Ms. Couch, did y'all engage in any discussion of what a  
8 percent might mean as far as --

9 A Not that I remember. I'm sure we probably did, but  
10 I can't recall the conversation.

11 Q Okay. Since I talked with you on October 16, and  
12 in all fairness to you, sir, we didn't get into a discussion  
13 of the laboratory reports because at that time I and others  
14 were still gathering information, did you have this report  
15 available at that time?

16 A Yes, sir. I was not aware at the time though -- I  
17 don't believe I became aware that this report was not in the  
18 possession of NRC until a later date, after our discussion.

19 Q How did you come to know that the NRC didn't have  
20 this in its possession?

21 A I believe I read a list or a referral of the --  
22 somewhere in reports, of the information that they did have.

23 Q And you saw the absence of this?

24 A That's correct.

25 Q Okay, sir. Are you familiar with any other, or do

1 you have any knowledge of any other reports perhaps that  
2 addressed this uranium in the pit that is not in the  
3 possession of the NRC but has some sort of a laboratory  
4 report?

5 A Not to my knowledge.

6 Q Has anyone expressed to you they have any reports  
7 that we've not --

8 A Not to my knowledge.

9 Q Okay, sir. You commented a little earlier that you  
10 spent approximately 25 to 40 percent of your time at the  
11 excavation area itself. At that time, did you have a close -  
12 - what you would feel was a close relationship or a good  
13 rapport with the workers in that pit?

14 A I felt I did have.

15 Q Were you somewhat in contact with these people  
16 through just chit-chat or through discussions --

17 A Through just discussions, through reaffirming the  
18 need to -- for the use of the safety equipment prescribed on  
19 the permit, reiterating in certain instances the importance  
20 of having safety glasses or a hard hat on, similar safety  
21 equipment.

22 Q Since you were out there a fairly substantial  
23 length of time, I'm sure this 25 to 40 reflects an overall  
24 time and at times it probably was up and down in that range.

25 A That's correct.

1 Q Did you ever have any complaints from any of these  
2 personnel that they were being stung by this water?

3 A No, sir, I was surprised that -- when I read some  
4 of the reports and the complaints were noted, I was surprised  
5 because none of the workers had mentioned anything to me  
6 about any stinging sensation or burning, because one of the  
7 things that an industrial safety person would look for at a  
8 site would be the assault on his senses, or to other persons'  
9 senses. At the same time I was measuring toxicity, I was  
10 measuring oxygen deficiency and explosive -- lower explosion  
11 limits of the atmosphere continuously with an audible alarm,  
12 by instrumentation, 100 percent of the time, and there was no  
13 alarms at the time and since then I have become aware of only  
14 two workers' complaints. One was a suspected concrete burn  
15 and the other was a suspected hexane burn treated by my  
16 supervisor and another supervisor.

17 Q These complaints though occurred after August 22,  
18 have they not, sir, or did they occur during that time frame?

19 A I'm not sure, I'd have to go back tot he report,  
20 but it appeared to me the complaints were expressed -- the  
21 noted complaints were expressed to perhaps NRC officials --

22 Q Well sir, what I -- maybe I misspoke myself. What  
23 I'm saying is you brought up the fact you became aware of two  
24 complaints. What I'm asking is during the time between the  
25 first of August and the 22nd of August while you were out

1       there, were you aware of these two complaints during that  
2       period of time?

3           A     I don't think it was -- I think it was afterwards  
4       that I was aware of that, when someone was asking about  
5       workers.

6           Q     Okay, sir, so your previous statement to the effect  
7       that while you were at the excavation during this time frame  
8       of basically the first of August when it began, and up to the  
9       22nd when the NRC became involved, you don't recall receiving  
10      any complaints from the workers?

11          A     No, sir.

12          Q     Did any of the workers happen to inquire of you if  
13      you knew what was in the water?

14          A     I don't remember any worker asking me that.

15          Q     Your personal observations on this, if one had  
16      asked you, would you have felt you would have known the  
17      contents of that water?

18          A     I would have guessed it to have been a uranium  
19      content.

20          Q     And you would base that upon the fact that it had  
21      some yellowish tint to it?

22          A     Just the color. I would also have assumed that --  
23      I was under the impression that that area would have been the  
24      responsibility of the department manager or the health  
25      physics supervisor.

1 Q Okay, sir, was there a health physics supervisor on  
2 site?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q And that would have been who?

5 A Mr. Simeroth, Mr. Callahan at various times and  
6 various health physics technicians and Mr. Nichols.

7 Q Would it be a correct assumption or assertion, sir,  
8 that if someone had inquired about the contents of the water,  
9 would you probably have referred them over to someone who was  
10 in that field?

11 A Probably would have.

12 Q You wouldn't have felt particularly qualified to  
13 address radiological concerns?

14 A Not necessarily.

15 Q Not necessarily that you wouldn't have or --

16 A I don't know. I may have said it, I don't know.

17 Q May have said?

18 A There's a possibility it could be uranium.

19 Q Okay, sir.

20 A I don't recall anyone ever asking me about it  
21 though.

22 Q Mr. Barrett, I'd like to take an opportunity to  
23 clarify a couple of points in our October 16 discussion.

24 A Okay.

25 Q All right, sir, before we sat down with this

1 interview here, I basically went over what I had as far as  
2 our interview, and you pretty well agreed with me that that  
3 was the context of it, but you wanted to add a couple of bits  
4 of information and one of the things that I mentioned to you  
5 is that I had discussed to some degree the fact that you had  
6 some training classes that you were a participant of, and I  
7 assume these training classes were in relation to the one-day  
8 orientation program that was given over in the Carlyle  
9 School, is that correct or incorrect?

10 A The training classes that I was a participant of or  
11 conducted?

12 Q Conducted. sir.

13 A Conducted, yes.

14 Q They were part of the one-day training session over  
15 there, sir?

16 A That's correct.

17 Q And your participation in this one-day training  
18 would have been geared toward industrial safety?

19 A Would have been geared directly to industrial  
20 safety.

21 Q You commented to me, sir, that even though the  
22 current orientation program given -- for the record that was  
23 given in July 23, 1990 -- contained a manual section  
24 indicating uranium products and that you covered that area,  
25 but you also indicated to me you did not discuss that area as



1 it applied to radiological safety, am I correct?

2 A That's correct. The only reason -- the training  
3 manual includes a short statement on -- generic statement  
4 about radiation being in existence since the beginning of  
5 time, and it's -- radiation protection is not covered in that  
6 section.

7 Q Okay, sir, that's what I wanted to establish, that  
8 you would not be responsible for it, nor would you get off  
9 into any type of values or radiological safety.

10 A That's correct, sir.

11 Q All right, sir. Is there anything else you wish to  
12 add for the record or any information you feel you want to  
13 provide or any areas we've discussed you'd like to expand on?

14 A No, sir, I think we've fairly well covered them  
15 all.

16 MR. CHAPMAN: All right, sir, I'd like before we  
17 stop the record to make a reference to the fact that also  
18 prior to Mr. Barrett's interview in the presence of Mr. Ira  
19 Shapiro, it was understood that Mr. Shapiro was making a  
20 plane connection and had to leave and that through Mr.  
21 Shapiro's agreement, Mr. Barrett's agreement and mine, this  
22 interview took place with the understanding that Mr. Barrett  
23 had the option to choose whether he wanted Mr. Shapiro here  
24 or not, and so that the record reflects correctly, Mr.  
25 Barrett did not expressly exclude Mr. Shapiro, it was really

1 basically over the fact that he had a plane connection --  
2 Mr. Shapiro had a plane connection to make. Is that in  
3 agreement with you, Mr. Barrett?

4 THE WITNESS: Well I'm not sure what you said.

5 (Laughter.)

6 MR. CHAPMAN: All right. What I'm saying is that  
7 Mr. Shapiro was not excluded from this interview by your  
8 express desires. Part of the reason he's not here is the  
9 fact that he had a plane connection to make.

10 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

11 MR. CHAPMAN: All right, sir. Mr. Barrett, have I  
12 or any other NRC representative threatened you in any manner  
13 or offered you any reward in return for this statement?

14 THE WITNESS: No, sir, you haven't.

15 MR. CHAPMAN: Have you given this statement freely  
16 and voluntarily?

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir, I have.

18 MR. CHAPMAN: Is there anything further you care to  
19 add for the record?

20 THE WITNESS: Yes, I'd just like to add a statement  
21 that I felt like from my perspective and my obligation as a  
22 safety engineer at the facility, that I made every attempt to  
23 ensure the protection of the workers in the industrial safety  
24 aspect.

25 MR. CHAPMAN: All right, sir, is there anything

1 else you wish to add?

2 THE WITNESS: That's all.

3 MR. CHAPMAN: All right, sir, the time is now 5:00  
4 p.m., and this interview is closed. Thank you a lot, Mr.  
5 Barrett, I appreciate it.

6 THE WITNESS: You're welcome.

7 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded at  
8 5:00 p.m.)

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