



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION II
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

ATTACHMENT # 1

3/15/92

MEMORANDUM FOR: Carl E. Alderson, Director, Enforcement and Investigation Staff

THRU: J. C. Bryant, Chief, Reactor Projects Section 2A

FROM: P. K. VanDoorn, Senior Resident Inspector, Catawba

SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING QC WELDING INSPECTION AT CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION

On February 1, 1982, QC welding inspection personnel requested appointments with me to discuss concerns about the welding inspection program at Catawba Nuclear Station. Each of these individuals had expressed his concerns to Duke Power Company (DPC) management prior to meeting with me. DPC has established a task force to review each specific issue. DPC management discussed this task force with NRC:RII personnel (R. C. Lewis, J. C. Bryant, P. K. VanDoorn) on January 29, 1982. Each individual expressed to me his concern that DPC would attempt to "whitewash" the technical concerns; i.e., to say that the concerns were related to a recent pay adjustment.

They each stated that a lack of support for implementation of the welding QA program by QC welding inspectors has existed for years. They are raising the issues now because they feel that for the first time, they have the attention of off-site management. They stated that they have tried to implement the letter of the QA program and have repeatedly been beat back by site management; i.e. told they were overinspecting, told they misinterpreted a procedure, told not to write NCI's on some significant violations of the QA program, been harassed on the job, witnessed answers on NCI's that were inaccurate and written to make the inspector look bad, and told to falsify records (see enclosure 2). Identification of persons interviewed and specific concerns are contained in enclosures 1, 2 and 3.

I suggest that we allow the DPC review to be completed before we begin our in depth review of the concerns. I will inform you of any additional concerns which come to my attention.

P. K. VanDoorn

Enclosures:

1. Confidential
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