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Docket No. 50-498/79-19 50-499/79-19

MEMORANDUM FOR: File

THRU:W. C. Seidle, Chief, RC&ES BranchFROM:W. A. Crossman, Chief, Projects SectionSUBJECT:ALLEGATIONS OF INTIMIDATION OF CIVIL QCINSPECTORS AT SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT (STP)DN 50-498; 50-499

The STP Resident Reactor Inspector (RRI) called me at my home on November \mathcal{I} , 1979, at approximately 6:30 p.m. to report alleged intimidation of five Brown & Root (B&R) Civil QC inspectors. 33

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Two B&R Civil QC inspectors entered the RRI's office at about 4:45 p.m. (after shift) on Friday, November 2, 1979, and one, the spokesman, stated he was changing jobs and wanted to tell the RRI that he and four other Civil QC inspectors had been threatened and received extreme intimidation from B&R foremen and general foremen. The majority of the threats were made during the course of concrete placement activities including meetings, preplacement and placement inspections. The spokesman further stated that he was threatened with words like, "I'm gonna hit you with a vibrator."

The spokesman also related an incident during a meeting where a foreman "chewed out" two QC inspectors in front of the QC supervisors and the QC supervisors did not even try to defend the QC inspectors. He said in effect that none of the QC supervisors nor QA managers had any "guts" and would not stand up to the B&R construction management. (He didn't use the word "guts")

He also told the RRI that his office was in a poor location. He said none of the people would come see him during working hours because he was"right under the 8402210009 831129

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The RRI voiced concern that such conditions exist on site. (There have been too many like allegations.) He stated that the QC inspectors are an extension is of the OPINION THAT of his efforts and, any interference with their inspection is a hinderance to NRC objectives.

- The spokesman left the names of the four other QC inspectors who are willing to make statements to the NRC.

The QC inspector who accompanied the spokesman would not identify himself.

The spokesman identified a concrete superintendent who made several of the threats and intimidations.

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cc: H. S. Phillips W. G. Hubacek R. K. Herr C. E. Wisner

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SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO:	J.G. McKown	DATE:	November 8, 1979
FROM:	J. R. Childers	CORRES. NO.:	STQ-5110
SUBJECT:	Verification of Proposed	Disposition on CAR	No. <u>H-012</u> .

Please find attached for your action CAR No. <u>H-012</u>. Request you provide verification of the proposed Cause and Corrective Action on this CAR by <u>November 22, 1979</u>. Shipment of the affected items may be held until acceptable resolution is agreed upon and implementation successfully accomplished.

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Asst. QA Coordinator

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cc: T. Haynes Region I G. Miles QA/DA

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FROM:	W. G. Hubacek, Reactor Inspector, Projects Section
SUBJECT:	ALLEGATIONS OF INTIMIDATION OF CIVIL QC INSPECTORS AT THE SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT (STP)

On November 6, 1979 at 6:40 p.m., W. A. Crossman and W. G. Hubacek called the Brown and Root (B&R) Civil QC inspector who had previously reported alleged intimidation of QC inspectors to the STP Resident Reactor Inspector (RRI). (See memo for file, dated

The QC inspector (alleger) stated that he is leaving STP to work at another nuclear project and desires that his identity be protected. He expects to depart Bay City on or about November 15, 1979. Any further contact with him should be made prior to that date.

The alleger made a lengthy rambling statement, the salient points are summarized as follows:

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A QA Manager (Individual A) held a meeting approximately eight months ago during which he stated that he would know if anyone went to the NRC and insinuated that the would "take care" of them. action would follow or Would be Ileal affect. A interptil the to mean the person would be

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The alleger's concern and decision to contact the RRI were triggered by a conversation with the RRI and subsequent observations on November 1-2, FRUSTRATED THROUG HARASSMENT king Utralic 1979, that QC inspectors were "down in dumps" due to occurrences within the last two ways.

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inspectors identified a problem with "free fall" during a recent placement of concrete in a secondary shield wall. The "elephant trunks" were cut off too short allowing approximately ten feet of "free fall". Construction did not correct the condition until QC threatened to "walk off". During a subsequent post placement meeting and Adds Assion of the "free fall" problem, a construction foreman (Individual B) and a QC inspector (Individual C) disagreed and Individual B threw his hat on the table and asked if he was being called a liar. A QC Supervisor (Individual D) was present at the meeting but did nothing to back up his inspection (Individual C). A construction foreman (Individual E) stated that the problem was with two QC inspectors and that Individual A should be at the meeting to "straighten these people out". Individual C wrote a three part memo concerning this a comogent did not defend them hold form former

Individuals B and E are production oriented and will violet specifications (4.) if given the opportunity. 57

QC inspectors are not getting backing by supervisors.

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Foreman and crafts refer to Individuals A and D as "constructionSboys". It (6. is commonly said that if a QC inspector will not sign off a document, Individual D will.

- 7. Brown & Root upper QA management is afraid to "stand up" to construction.
- HL&P QA lacks involvement in field activities. They are observed to be only infrequently in the field.
- 9. Recent problems became apparent after Individual E was put back in charge of concrete placement approximately three weeks ago. It is believed that Individual E was put in charge to increase production. Individual E replaced Individual F who was quality oriented. Quality was better when Individual F was in charge.

Individual E told workers not to worry about consolidation of concrete next to the containment liner during early RCB-1 placements because this area could not be seen (this is of special concern because of the Lift 8 void problem).

Individual E encouraged workers to push QC inspectors, drop concrete on them or drop vibrators on them to get them out of the way.

During an inspection, the alleger was told by a foreman to get out of the way or he might be hit with a vibrator. Not formation

13. Individuals C and G witnessed a statement by Individual E that he would take care of the NRC if the NRC found problems with concrete placements.

14. QC inspector morale is very low.

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 Construction has resumed previous practices after the recent concrete stop-work order was lifted.

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- 16. Placement QC inspectors do not have two-way radios, making issuance of stop-work orders difficult. The concrete foreman sometimes does not have a radio or will not allow QC to use it if he has one.
- 17. A foreman left a concrete pour in MEA-2 for over one hour. Individual H was the inspector on this placement. This was also documented in an audit made by Individual I of the B&R Houston Internal Surveillance group.
- 18. Individual J was told to choose which side of the wall he wanted to be thrown off when he told construction that they were in violation of a requirement. Individual J believed the threat was serious.
- 19, Concrete curing water has been improperly turned off by carpenters and "rod busters".
- 20. Individual K visited a vendor's shop, observed improper storage of stainless steel items and use of improper markers.
- Individual K stated that traceability of embeds was lost after leaving receiving.
- 22. QC inspectors no longer have their own drawings, FREAs, specifications, etc. since the area concept has been initiated. Construction does not want drawings taken to the field.
- 23.) Individual L was threatened with bodily harm last week by Individual M.
- 24. Individuals N, C, G and J are willing to make statements to the NRC if their identities are protected. (Addresses and telephone numbers were provided where available.)

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Senator Lloyd Bentsen 912 Federal Building Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Senator Bentsen:

The following is in response to the inquiry you received from C. S. Gage of Berger, Texas.

There have been four incidents called to the attention of the Office of Inspection and Enforcement, Region IV, Arlington, Texas (Region IV) which have involved alleged threats, harassement and assault by Brown and Root construction personnel of QC inspectors at the South Texas Project.

The first incident involved an altercation between a construction foreman and a Civil QC inspector on June 30, 1977 (both employees of Brown and Root). There was a verbal exchange, the foreman grabbed the QC inspector by the collar and both fell on reinforcing steel on which they were standing. The foreman fell on the QC inspector. The QC inspector complained of back pains and was sent to the hospital for two-three days for observation. He was then released by the doctor to return to work with no physical damage. On July 6-8, 1977, Region IV investigated the altercation; there was no beating. The foreman involved in the altercation immediately terminated his employment.

The second incident involved a verbal altercation between a construction engineer and a Civil QC inspector on March 7, 1979 (both employees of Brown and Root). The incident was reported to the Office of Inspection and Enforcement on March 7, 1979, by an unidentified individual. Region IV investigated the incident on March 20-23, 1979. There was no injury nor hospitalization identified. The QC inspector is

still working at the South Texas Project, the construction engineer was terminated.

The third incident, which occurred on November 1, 1979, involved a verbal exchange between an electrical helper and an electrical QC inspector over the use of a ladder. The helper would not loan the ladder to the QC inspector. The QC inspector thought the helper had a knife under his coat. It is not known if the knife was visible. There was no physical exchange (no injuries and no hospitalization). The electrical helper was terminated. This matter, which the licensee called to the attention of Region IV on November 7, 1979, will soon be investigated by Region IV.

A fourth incident, which was reported to the Region IV Resident Reactor Inspector on November 2, 1979, involves allegations concerning threats, harassment and intimidation directed at QC inspectors employed at the site. Although there was no physical abuse alleged, Region IV is presently conducting an investigation and, consistent with NRC policy, the details associated with the allegations can not be disclosed while the investigation is in progress. The findings will be documented in a forthcoming investigation report, copies of which will be placed in the Public Document Room located at 1717 H Street, Washington, D.C., and the Local Public Document Room located in the County Courthouse, Bay City, Texas.

Based on information provided by the licensee and through Region IV investigations, there is no evidence, to date, that any beating of QC inspectors has taken place at the South Texas Project.

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TO:	U. D. Douglas/D. B. Shumway	DATE:	November 28, 1979
FROM:	A. S. Goewey	JOB NO:	35-1197
SUBJECT :	Site Quality Assurance Department NGR # S-C3155	CORRES.	NO: BC-21038
REFERENCE:	BC-20566		
Per the att of the foll	ac. CR # S-C3155 , this memo i	s to notif	y your office

Pro ed disposition is not acceptable as noted in the remarks set a Block 38 of NCR.

The sove subject NCR has been withdrawn.

Processed disposition is acceptable and close out is pending rewer d/repair and reinspection.

XXX Final close out is now complete.

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ATTACHMENT TO NCR #S-C3155

Description of Deficiency:

Rejected Cadweld 0	Reason for Rejection	Location	Date Shot	Date Inspected
40H13C	Slag in Tap Hole	West Secondary Shield Wall Unit 1	7-30-79	7-30-79
40H131	Slag in Tap Hole	West Secondary Shield Wall Unit 1	7-30-79	7-30-79
64H305	Slag in Tap Hole	West Steam Generator Blockout Unit 1	8-22-79	8-23-79
64H317	Slag in Tap Hole	West Steam Generator Blockout Unit 1	8-29-79	8-29-79
65H65	Void Area	Shell Wall Unit 2	5-3-79	5-3-79
65H71	Slag in Tap Hole	Shell Wall Unit 2	5-14-79	6-5-79
27V1333	Void Area	East Steam Generator Blockout Unit 1	10-1-79	10-2-79
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It is Constructions' contention that the subject deficiencies were not caused by the cadwelders. One of the two rejected shots for cadwelder #39, was caused by a worker stepping on the apparatus as it was ignited, which does not reflect on the ability of the cadwelder. The performance of these cadwelders after the subject shots were made further indicates that there was no need to requalify. Cadwelder 40 made 45 horizontal shots, 44 of which passed inspection (1 slag reject); cadwelder 64 made 98 horizontal shots, all passed inspection; cadwelder 65 made 131 horizontal shots, 129 passed inspection (1 void reject, 1 slag reject); cadwelder 27 made 50 vertical shots, all passed; cadwelder 39 made 183 vertical shots, all passed inspection.

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Also Q. C. has done 100% visual inspection (i.e. prep. & final) on several of the subsequent shots without rejection. As such, all the cadwelds shot by the cadwelders which Q.C. inspected are to be accepted as " is; and there is no need to requalify the cadwelders.

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The Light company Houston Lighting & Power P.O. Box 1700 Houston, Texas 77001 (713) 228-9211

February 28, 1980

ST-HL-AL-424 SFN: C-0570

Mr. K. V. Seyfrit, Director U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of Inspection and Enforcement Region IV 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000 Arlington, TX 76012

> SUBJECT: SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION FINDINGS DOCKET NOS. 50-498/79-19 AND 50-499/79-19

RE: ST-HL-AE-417

Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

Per discussions with Mr. W. A. Crossman of your office and Mr. W. N. Phillips of Houston Lighting & Power Company, please correct the referenced letter under item no. 8, Corrective Action Taken, part a., so that the first sentence will read as follows:

> All radiography by site QA/QC personnel has been stopped, unless they are under direct supervision of Brown & Root Level III QA Engineering.

This change is necessary because of a typographical error made in typing this document.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Turner, Vice President Power Plant Construction & Technical Services

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