

REPORT OF INQUIRY

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: OI:RII FILE NO. 02-83-011
DATE OF INQUIRY: 03/02/83 STATUS: PENDING
PREPARED BY: Robert H. Burch DATE PREPARED: 03/03/83
SUBJECT: HARRIS NUCLEAR PLANT: ALLEGED IMPROPRIETIES INVOLVING DEFICIENCY
DISCREPANCY REPORTS (DDRs) AND CORRESPONDING LOGBOOK ENTRIES

On March 2, 1983, T.D. Gibbons, NRC Region II, contacted OI:RII and advised that George Maxwell, Resident Inspector at Harris Nuclear Plant, New Hill, N.C., wanted to provide OI with some information. Gibbons advised that Maxwell was in a conference with CP&L personnel at that moment; however, Maxwell asked that someone from OI contact him telephonically later in the afternoon.

On March 2, 1983, at approximately 3:35 p.m., Investigator Robert H. Burch telephonically contacted resident inspector George Maxwell. Upon being contacted, Maxwell advised that a source confidential to him at the Harris Nuclear Plant had provided a copy of a voided Deficiency Discrepancy Report (DDR). Maxwell advised that his source had informed him he had two additional voided DDs at his residence. Maxwell said that the voided DDs had been assigned sequential numbers from the logbook. He said that these logbook entries for the voided DDs had been "opaqued out" with a white opaquing substance and new DDs had been entered over the opaque, using the same number. Maxwell advised he did not know (1) the reason the original DDs were voided, (2) why the voided numbers were opaqued in the logbook and new DDs issued (3) the significance of this action, or (4) who the responsible party(s) are. Maxwell advised that he reviewed the logbook and noted 5-6 instances in which numbers had been opaqued and new DDs entered, using the same sequential number.

Maxwell advised that he had copies of: (1) the DDR with the original number assigned (2) the new DDs with the same numbers as the originals and (3) copies of the logbook reflecting this activity. Maxwell was advised that he should report this information through his NRC, Region II projects office and he stated he intended to contact Austin Hardin, NRC, Region II.

In March 3, 1983, Maxwell advised he was sending copies of the DDs and pertinent logbook pages to OI:RII for evaluation. Upon receipt and evaluation of this material by OI, a final decision will be made with regard to continued OI interest.