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Dear

This is in reference to your letter of November 1, 1979, to
Commissioner John Brooks, North Carolina Department of Labor,
in which you advised him of your concerns about worker qualifi-
cations at the Carolina Power and Light Company's Shearon
Harris Nuclear facilities. Since the areas of your concern more
appropriately fall under the regulatory authority of the United
States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, North Carolina Assistant
Labor Commissioner, Charles Jaffress contacted me by telephone
on November 29, 1979, and subsequently provided me your original
letter.

Based on my understanding of your letter, your concerns can be
stated as follows:

1. That workers with little or no experience are being hired
as welders, pipefitters and carpenters to work at the Harris
construction site.
2. That some workers are fraudulently stating non-existent
work experience on their employment forms in order to gain
employment.
3. That construction supervisors at the site do not have
adequate knowledge of construction techniques involved in
nuclear power plant construction.

We plan to examine the areas which you have identified and will
inform you of the results of our investigation. The NRC's rules
and regulations require that anyone proposing to build and operate
a nuclear power plant must develop and implement a quality assurance
program which covers the design, construction and operation of the
proposed facility. These QA programs must be reviewed and approved
by the NRC and then we perform inspections to ensure that the
programs are properly implemented by the licensee.

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Within a nuclear power plant there are hundreds of thousands of structures, systems and components. The QA program does not establish a single level of control for all of these. Instead, it recognizes the relative significance of each structure, system or component with regard to protecting the health and safety of the public and establishes multiple levels of control based on this relative significance. In general, however, all structures, systems or components in the plant can be divided into one of two categories. Those which perform a function with regard to protecting the health and safety of the public are called "safety-related" and must be designed, constructed and operated under the controls established by the QA program. On the other hand, many of the structures, systems and components in the plant are not safety-related (that is, their failure to function would not have any affect on the health and safety of the public) and the licensee is allowed to establish whatever quality controls he deems appropriate.

Regarding your concerns about worker qualifications, there are established standards for the qualification/certification of welders and pipefitters. Carpenters are normally involved in "non-safety related" work, as defined above, and therefore outside the purview of the NRC's authority. So that your concerns may be properly addressed, I would, at this time, request that you contact me at the phone number/address provided at the close of this letter with any details you have concerning specific individuals, dates, or other specific knowledge you may have. I make the same request regarding any available details you might have relating to your other stated concerns.

Our discussions will be considered as confidential and I do not anticipate using your name in any formal NRC reports.

I wish to thank you for making your concerns known to the North Carolina Department of Labor, which has referred them to the NRC. If the above statements do not adequately and completely reflect your concerns, please call me collect at the number supplied below, so that your concerns can be adequately addressed during our inquiry. If you have any other further questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Marsh
Regional Investigator

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November 29, 1979

Dear L

Thank you for your letter of November 1, 1979 to Commissioner Brooks. I apologize for the delay in responding to you.

Your allegation that craft workers at the Shearon Harris nuclear plant are not properly trained is a serious one. After some research, we have determined that no state agencies have any jurisdiction over the certification of craft workers at the plant. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, however, has jurisdiction over the construction of safety devices at the plant and the certification of some of the skilled workers involved in the construction.

I am forwarding your letter to Robert Marsh, investigator, Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region II, OD/INV Staff, Post Office Box 2203, Atlanta, Georgia 30301, telephone 404/221-5507. Mr. Marsh will investigate your complaint. You may contact him directly at the above address if you have additional details you wish to forward.

Thank you for alerting the Department of Labor about the potential problem at the Shearon Harris plant. I am confident that the NRC will investigate the problem thoroughly.

Sincerely,

Charles Jeffress
Assistant Commissioner

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cc: Robert Marsh

Thank you, Bob