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MEMORANDUM FOR: Files

THRU:

Charles E. Murphy, Chief

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Alan R. Herdt, Chief Projects Section

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FROM:

Robert D. Bradley, Principal Inspector

Projects Section

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SUBJECT:

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED SEPTEMBER 12 THROUGH OCTOBER 2, 1978 PERTAINING TO ALLEGATIONS AFFECTING

THE SHEARON HAPRIS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

On September 12, 1978, M. V. Annast requested a meeting with C. E. Murphy, V. L. Brownlee and myself to discuss a telephone call he had just received concerning the Shearen Harris Nuclear Plant. The caller was a who requested that his name not be disclosed; however, he did want to meet with members of the Region II staff concerning safety-related structures and activities at the CP&L site. In general, the concerns involved re-bar tolerancing, concrete repair, survey monument changes, and misplaced anchor bolt mounting pads. As an inspection was already scheduled the following week, it was agreed that a meeting would be held with the caller at that time.

Late in the evening on September 19, 1978, M. V. Annast, W. B. Swan, and myself met with the

He informed us that through a misunderstanding, he was no longer employed by

He then proceeded to describe in detail six areas of concern he had in the fuel handling building, waste processing building, and unit 1 containment.

Between W. B. Swan and myself, each of the areas were examined, documentation was reviewed, and discussions were held with personnel knowledgeable in those areas. Care was taken not to draw any attention to our activities as it was determined that the licensee would not be informed unless the allegations were substantiated.

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information on these watters and the basis for these findings. In summary, there were no areas examined which were not adequately identified, documented, investigated, evaluated, and appropriate action taken.

Robert D. Bradley, Principal Inspector

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cc: M. V. Annast

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This referm to our uneting on during which you impreced concerns about certain construction practices at Carolina Power and Light Company's Sharron Harris Huelear Flant.

We have completed our commination of those matters. Mesors, Bradley and Susp, two of our commination inspectors, interviewed verkers, shocked records and visual the locations which you identified. Our findings are an follows:

- I, Incorrect subar placement telerances The importors found that some telerances had not been not but in each case a field sivings request was initiated, evaluated and adequate corrective action was taken,
- 2. Small erack in the fill concrete The air-inch long crack in the fuel handling building floor, which allowed water seepage, has been account and scaled by plactic numbranes and structural concrete. This is a standard procedure. The finished floor does not present a safety problem.
- It is placed control nomements The apparent error in the alignment of the contarine of Unit 1 containment was probably esseed by construction activities such as blasting and other major excavation activities which can result in minor disturbance of the nearby original reference moments. The minor error, which you discovered, was previously noted in the survey field books and appropriate corrective actions were taken to insure proper alignment of the building.
- 4. Misplaced anchor belts The two-inch effect of the anchor belts which you discussed, had been identified by a field change request and corrective action was taken by repositioning the pipes to as-built location. No safety problems resulted from this change.

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- Misplaced wall (#22A) in the waste processing building The inspectors found that the wall is, in fact, positioned 1 3/8" to the south of the original location. This condition was identified in a field change request and evaluated. A study of space utilization showed the wall to be acceptable as built.
- 6. Gold joints in concrete Peosible cold joints, which you felt may have resulted because of an interruption of one hour in the pouring of concrete, due to a local strike, were examined by the inspectors. They found that the interruption did not create a problem. The retardants present in the concrete mix and use of additional J-bars insured an adequate joint.

This concludes our activities regarding this matter. We appreciate your concerns about the quality of construction at nuclear power plants. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is committed to assure that all construction procedures are strictly followed to protect the boulth and safety of the public.

We fool that our actions have been responsive to your concerns. Please contact us should you desire further information on this matter.

Sincerely.

Michael V. Annast Regional Investigator

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This confirms our telephone conversations of September 12 and September 17, 1976, during which you expressed concerns about cortain construction practices at the Shearen Harris site.

This also refers to our scheduled meeting in during which you provided biditional information regarding your assessme.

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Sincerely,

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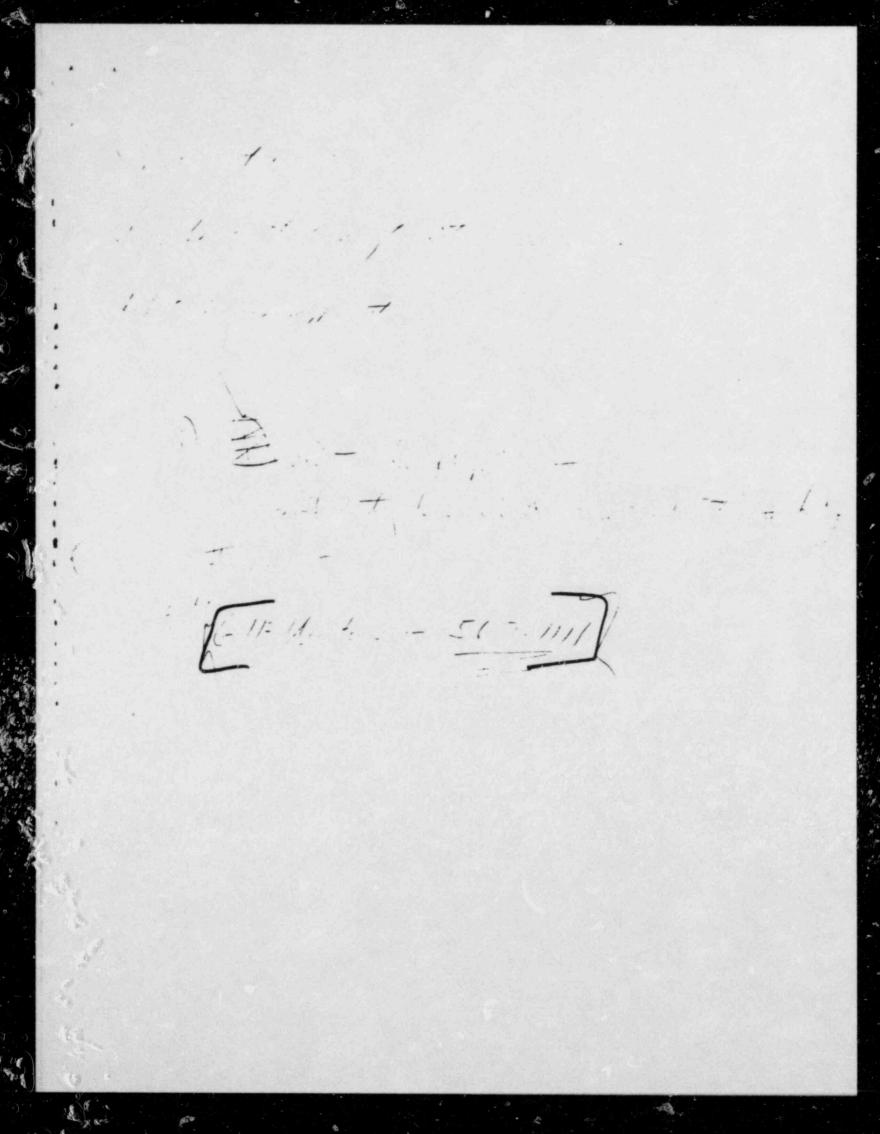
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	CONFIDENTIALITY MEQUESTED YES NO	11:10 - 11:55 a.m.

EIS received an anonymous telephone call 11:10 - 11:55 a.m., 6/22/81, alleging improper cadwelds at Shearon Harris nuclear plant (SHNP), New Hill, NC. The caller informed me that our conversation was being recorded.

The alleger (a male sounding voice) refused to identify himself, however he did state that he is currently a welder for Daniels Construction Company at SHNP. He continued by saying that he represents an informal group of welders who have "made bad rebar cadwelds in the containment building" now under construction at SHNP. He stated that each individual in this group has performed improper and unsafe welds. In response to questions, the alleger stated that the welders acted individually, in some cases simply taking shortcuts to get the job done faster. However, many individuals in the group have become fearful that so many improper welds have been made that it may constitute a serious safety problem. He stated that there was no management complicity and he is certain that management personnel are not aware of the seriousness of the problem.

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1. Open case and suspense for two weeks 2. Notify R.C. Lewis of allegation and suspense

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Regarding QA/QC personnel, the alleger stated that again he feels there is no complicity, but that the inspectors are not checking the welds properly and sometimes are not checking them at all.

The alleger stated that he is quitting his job soon, returning to school to become a crane operator, and plans to return to Daniels in that capacity. He stated that he and other members of the group are convinced that they will lose their jobs if Daniel's' management discovers how they have been welding and for this reason they all prefer to remain anonymous.

When requested to provide specific locations and dates of improper welds, the alleger answered only in general terms saying that they are "everywhere" or that "all of them are bad". He stated that there is an individual whom he knows to possess a list and sketch that reflect the location of "bad welds". He stated that he was going to approach this individual and encourage him to contact us with this information. He refused to divulge the other individuals identity except to say that on February 8, 1980 he had received a head injury from a piece of steel as a result of a "bad weld".

Again the alleger was requested to provide more specific information. He informed us that he was going to return to the other members in his group and discuss the situation further. He agreed to contact Region II EIS by letter following his meeting within two weeks of this conversation. He stated that he may identify himself and meet with Region II investigators at that time.

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Call the office and wanted to talk to Mr. O'Reilly. He refused to give his name to the secretary and did not wish to speak to an investigator. The secretary passed the information on to me, I returned the call and asked if the individual would speak to me. He agreed to do so and provided the following information. He had just left employment with Daniels Construction Company at the Shearon Harris site after three and a half years of employment. When he left he was the in charge of the shift.

made the following allegations:

- 1. On the 211-Elevation in the core key area of containment against the primary wall, protective coating were being applied. Water was coming out of cracks and construction joints in the concrete. Allegedly a substance referred to as "concresive" (tanatic) which was described as a combination of poxy and sand was used to fill the cracks. Even though there continued to be some amount of water seapened, the eleven-5 coating was put on anyway. There are three concerns related to this
 - a. The alleger believes that the (concresive) is not to be used below the 246-elevation.
 - b. The alleger believes he saw a letter from the project engineer to the resident inspector or directly to the NRC which said that no. 1

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apoxy was used below the 246-elevation.

c. The alleger does not believe that the 11S coating will cure properly when applied over moisture.

The alleger stated that the concrete and the construction know that the epoxy was used. He further stated that the finisher and the concrete finishers (names unknown) would be aware of this.

- In Zones 3 and 4 dry pack (or dry patch) was used to patch "bug holes" 2. (areas where placement form the rods had been cut off). This material started crumbling and a CP impersined L inspector (Joe Tis) checked it and had the work stopped. Thei had to write a report on this matter. The general foreman was instructed by an individual name and another individual name! and use anything short of physical get a hold of the inspector force to get him not to document this problem. According to the alleger, the deficient material was eventually covered with grout and the surface was coated. is believed to be working for betal at a nuclear facility in Couisanna at this time.
- 3. The resident inspector (George Maxwell) came on site at approximately 1:00 a.m. to inspect coating application. The resident inspector over heard a CP&L construction inspector and a coating foreman in a heated discussion regarding instructions not being clear. The resident inspector allegedly stayed all night and then went to the resident engineer [Lucas] the next morning and told him painters had complained about vague instructions which resulted in poor workmanship. The alleger is concerned that the whole crew was in trouble because of this.

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- 4. The alleger stated that whenever a problem is found, rather than go back and correct it, a Field Change Request (FCR) is issued to avoid the original specification. Some of these are taken care of onsite rather than going back to the person or organization that approved the original specification.
- 5. Waterproofing had been applied to the side of the turbine building and the area backfield when it was necessary to dig up part of the area to put in some conduit, thus exposing the waterproofing. Water got behind Jordered the vinyl liner andt to replace the vinyl liner that day. explained that it could be done in one then told him to cut holes in the vinyl liner and drain the water, and then to put mastic over the holes. refused to do so without some sort of written authorization, so, did the work. Later an individual went to wrote an FCR and and said that he had to get the FCR back or there would be trouble. returned the document but supposedly retained a copy.
- Approximately 1½ years ago on the second shift a concrete placement of approximately three thousand yards was being made on reactor building no. 2 at the 211-elevation in the core key area. A cold joint developed and the told to put concrete over the joint. The alleger stated that the concrete was hard and told him to put a vibrator on it and blend it. The alleger identified the following individuals as witnesses:
- 7. Non-seismic gate guides were used at the intake structure when seismically qualified gate guides were required. The alleger believed that an FCR may have been issued on this.

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- 8. Concrete was poured over an area which had not been clear in accordance with procedures prior to the core. According to the alleger this occurred in an exterior wall in the fuel handling area and involved an area of approximately 3 to 4 square feet from which dirt had not been cleaned prior to the pour. A concrete inspector was alleged to have been aware of this; however no name was provided.
- 9. On the 236-elevation in the Northeast corner of the fuel handling building in the wall between the fuel handling building and the commening building sheet metal welded to seismic plates are touching reinforcing bar which may lead to damage of the reinforcement due to pathic action.
- 10. On the 236-elevation of the RAB building there are series of small rooms with motors inside. Sandblasting was performed in these areas without sufficient protection of the motors and they now have sand inside them.

During the conversation the alleger also addressed a concern related to movement of gama radiography equipment by the radiography technicians. Specifically the camera had been lower on a rope some 30 or 40 feet passed workers and the alleger felt that they may have been exposed. I explained the operation of radiography camera to the alleger specifically with regard to the stored position of the source. He had no further concern regarding this matter after hearing my explanation.

Throughout the conversation the alleger repeatedly requested confidentiality in this matter; however, he indicated that if criminal charges arosed from this matter, he would testify if he had to.

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