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To: JYV2F017A

June 10, 1981

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This refers to your conversation with Mr. M. Economos, an inspector with this office in February 1981, and with me on April 6, and May 6, 1981, in which you expressed concerns related to inadequate QC practices at Carolina Power and Light Company's Shearon Harris nuclear power plant site.

An enclosure to this letter documents your concerns as I understand them based on our conversations and my conversation with Mr. Economos. We have initiated an inquiry regarding this matter; therefore, if the enclosure does not completely and accurately reflect all of your concerns, please contact me as soon as possible at (404) 221-5507 so that we can assure that they are adequately addressed during our inquiry. If you should call and I happen not to be available, please ask to speak to another investigator or leave a message so that I can call you back.

Regarding your request for confidentiality, let me assure you that we will make every attempt to handle this matter in such a way as to maintain you anonymity. In this respect, I would like to point out that licensees sometimes correctly guess the identity of the individual providing information to us. In such cases our policy is to neither confirm nor deny the accuracy of their guess.

In closing, we appreciate your bringing your concerns to our attention. If you have additional questions, or if I can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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James Y. Vorse
Regional Investigator

Enclosure: Statement of
Concerns

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ENCLOSURE

STATEMENT OF CONCERNS-2F017A

1. Two individuals without previous experience in hanger inspections were given a short "how to" course in this area. Upon successful completion of the course they were given a 90-day temporary qualification and assigned to the hanger inspection crew. Specifically, these two individuals began training by "shadowing" hanger weld inspectors for 3 to 4 weeks and performed the paperwork without being directly involved in the inspections. They then took a modified examination for Level II hanger inspection and went into the field, without supervision, doing independent inspections of new hangers, old hangers needing reinspection and "As-Built" design changes to hanger weld modifications. The inspections consisted almost exclusively of inspecting fillet welds and these require interpretation utilizing American Welding Society D11 Codes requiring Level II certification.
2. The examinations the same two individuals took for their modified hanger inspection Level II is suspect. Previously, on two occasions, both individuals failed the regular Level II welding examination. They were subsequently given the modified examination which they passed. It is unknown whether or not it was the modified examination or a regular examination, but on one occasion they started an examination on a Friday afternoon, did not finish and reported to work on the following Monday with all of the answers.
3. During conversations with co-workers another individual, a welding inspector doing Seismic Cat. 1 inspections in the iron workers fabrication shop, gives conflicting information concerning her background and experience. The individual appears to have inadequate job knowledge. Her qualifications should be scrutinized.
4. The site QA Director rewrites ("sanitizes") all deficiency disposition reports (DDRs) generated by field personnel before approving them for further action. They are rewritten to correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc., but the content is sometimes changed to make it a "grey area" rather than a nonconforming item.
5. QA personnel are demoralized because the QA Director does not support them in disputes with engineering and/or management.

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SUMMARY

I CALLED GEO MAXWELL AND ASKED HIM IF HE COULD OBTAIN ALLEGEI A'S ADDRESS SO WE WOULD BE SURE TO HAVE HIS CONCERNS PROPERLY AND ACCURATELY DOCUMENTED. GEO SAID HE WOULD DO SO. I ALSO READ SOME OF THE CONCERNS TO HIM AND REGARDING CONCERN 4A, MAXWELL ADVISED THAT THE QA DIRECTOR OFTEN "SANITIZES" DAR'S BY ASKING FOR MORE DETAIL AND CHANGING THE WORDING SO AS TO MAKE IT MORE UNDERSTANDABLE, AND A MORE COMPLETE EXAMINATION CAN BE MADE

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CONFERRED WITH DICK LEWIS CONCERNING THE ALLEGATIONS OTHER THAN 1, 2 + 3A. HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO GEORGE MAXWELL LOOKING INTO THE OTHERS.

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SUMMARY GEORGE MAXWELL CALLED TO ADVISE ME THAT
IS ABOUT TO BE FIRED FOR POOR ATTITUDE AND ^{POOR} WORK PERFORMANCE.
ALSO, IN MAXWELL'S ~~VIEW~~ OPINION, IS VERY CAPABLE OF GOING TO
THE MEDIA TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS. ACCORDING TO MAXWELL
HAS BEEN VERY VOCAL AROUND THE PLANT ABOUT CAPL AND MAKES NO
EFFORT TO DISGUISE HIS FEELINGS. HE HAS MADE NO REQUEST
FOR CONFIDENTIALITY.

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