

Danielson

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Region III Files

THRU: J. F. Streater, Acting Director, Enforcement and Investigation Staff

FROM: G. A. Phillip, Investigator

SUBJECT: MIDLAND-ALLEGATIONS BY MR. DENNIS R. SAUNDERS

On July 2, 1981 I received a telephone call from R. J. Cook, Senior Resident Inspector, Midland, advising me an individual, Dennis Saunders, who had been employed at the Midland site, had complained to him that a problem he had identified was not being resolved. Saunders also said that Consumers Power Company (CP) was not complying with the intent of an Immediate Action Letter, dated May 22, 1981, which Region III had sent to them as a result of a team inspection effort. Saunders had brought his allegation to CP's attention on about June 15, 1981 and he was dissatisfied with their response.

Cook further advised that Saunders had discussed the matter with V. Stello, Director, IE, by telephone. Cook requested that Region III contact Saunders to discuss his concerns. Following this contact we should advise P. Baci, IE:HQ, of the contact and of what action we planned to take. Cook said CP had furnished him a copy of Saunders' complaint and a letter they had sent to him. He said he was sending this material by facsimile.

Later on July 2, D. Danielson and I spoke with Saunders by telephone. During this conversation Saunders said he was preparing to transmit some material regarding his concern to us. We indicated that the inspector, Isa Yin, who was most familiar with the matter, was not due to return from leave until July 13. It was agreed that following receipt of Saunders' material and Yin's return to work, Yin would visit the Midland site to determine whether CP was complying with the IAL and to evaluate any concerns contained in Saunders' transmittal. P. Baci was subsequently informed of this agreement with Saunders.

We subsequently received a letter dated July 2, 1981, with attachments, which are enclosed with this memorandum. During the week of July 13 Yin visited the Midland site and determined that although the licensee was complying with the IAL there was a related problem concerning a red line procedure. This matter was then pursued with the licensee through telephone calls, further inspection effort by Yin as well as a meeting held at the site on July 24. As a result of this meeting an understanding was reached with the licensee which would resolve the matter.

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On July 27, 1981 Danielson, Yin, Cook and I met with Saunders in Auburn, Michigan to discuss his concerns and the resolution of it. Saunders expressed his satisfaction and requested that he be provided with copies of the correspondence between the licensee and the NRC confirming the resolution and a copy of the related inspection report.

A letter, dated July 27, 1981, was received from the licensee concerning the understandings reached during the July 24, meeting. A copy of this letter (copy attached) was furnished to Saunders by Ron Cook on July 30.

By letter, dated August 19, 1981, (copy attached) we transmitted another copy of the licensee's July 27 letter as well as a copy of our letter, dated August 7, 1981, with Appendix A and Inspection Report Nos. 50-329/81-14 and 50-330/81-14 to Saunders. This completes the action by Region III and the matter is considered closed.

G. A. Phillip
Investigator

Enclosures:
As stated

cc w/o enclosures:
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August 28, 1981

Mr. Dennis Saunders
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Dear Mr. Saunders:

I have been informed that you had a telephone conversation yesterday with Mr. D. B. Miller relative to employment at the Midland Nuclear Plant as a consultant to "resolve your concerns with plant construction". We at Consumers Power have spent considerable time addressing your earlier concerns and feel we have addressed all of them and have submitted the results of our investigation to you by a letter from D. B. Miller dated June 29, 1981. We further understand that the NRC has investigated whatever concerns you expressed to them. In addition, the NRC's inspection team leader, Mr. Williams, testified at the recent soils hearings that as a result of their latest site inspection (July 1981) that they are satisfied with our small pipe and pipe support design operations and our small pipe and hanger installation process.

As a result of the above, we feel that there can be no more gained from our continued interaction with you at this time, and there is no interest by Consumers Power in retaining your services at the Midland Nuclear Plant. Because of the disruptive and unproductive nature of your telephone contacts to our personnel, we would appreciate it if you would no longer contact any of our people by telephone. However, if you have any specific additional allegations regarding any of the work at the Midland Nuclear Plant we would be pleased to receive these allegations if you would commit them to writing and submit them to our QA Department, I D. M. Turnbull, I Midland Nuclear Plant, P.O. Box 1963, Midland, MI 48640. I can personally assure you that any further allegations of which you have firsthand knowledge and would care to document, will be given a thorough investigation, the results of which will be transmitted to you. However, you must understand that you will receive no compensation from Consumers Power Company for making these allegations.

Very truly yours,

James W. Cook

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