

Midland, MI

(LOCATION)

June 11, 1982

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I, Walter Ross Bird, hereby make the following statement to Charles H Weil, who has identified himself to me as an Investigator of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I make this statement freely with no threats or promises of reward having been made to me.

I am the Manager of the Midland Project Quality Assurance Department. I had discussions with Mr Charles H Weil, an NRC Investigator, on June 8 and June 9, 1982 concerning the status of the installation of the structural monitoring instrumentation for the remedial soils work. Mr Jim Brunner was present during both discussions. This statement summarizes those discussions.

At the time of the March 10, 1982 meeting in Bethesda, I had no actual knowledge of the status of completion of the monitoring instrumentation. It was about one week after that meeting that I learned what the actual progress of the installation was. Prior to this, including the March 10 meeting, I had not participated in any discussion as to the actual extent of the installation with either Midland Project Personnel or NRC Personnel. I had no reason to discuss this subject as it was not relevant in that the subject instrumentation was to come under the Quality Program at the time of system calibration and checkout to verify it was in place and functional. The subsequent operation of the equipment for data gathering was also to be included under the coverage of the Quality Assurance Program. I had no idea that the NRC regarded the status of completion as a major concern.

I had a perception that the status was further along than actually turned out to be the case. This was not based on any conversation with NRC or Midland Project Personnel nor was it based on any specific statement I heard in the March 10, 1982 meeting. As stated to Mr Weil on June 9, my perception was based on the knowledge that Phase II work was scheduled to begin on March 18 (my recollection of the date) and the Project had been working toward resolution of all open items with the staff to support that date.

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I knew that the instrumentation had to be in place prior to the actual tunneling under the auxillary building, and that starting the drift under the building was one of the initial Phase II steps. Thus without any specific knowledge of the instrumentation status other than that it had been started sometime earlier, it was my assumption that it would have been significantly along to support the Project schedule.

I have read the foregoing statement consisting of 2 pages. I have made any necessary corrections, and I have initialed those corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief. I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 11, 1982 at 8:22 AM.
(Date) (Time)

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 11 day of June,
19 82 at Madison, Mo.

Walter R. Bird - Notary

My Commission Expires 3-26-83

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