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| 7 | INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEW OF : |
| 8 | R. J. Rehkugler : |
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| 12 | Nuclear Support Center |
| 13 | South Texas Project |
| 14 | Bay City, Texas |
| 15 | Wednesday, July 15, 1992 |
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| 17 | The above-entitled matter commenced at 2:05 p.m., |
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| 2 | (2:05 P.M.) |
| 3 | MS. VAN CLEAVE: For the record, this is an |
| 4 | interview of Roy J. Rehkugler, and that is |
| 5 | R-e-h-k-u-g-l-e-r. His address is |
| 6 | date of birth, He |
| 7 | is employed by Houston Lighting and Power, South Texas |
| 8 | Project. The date is July 15, 1992, and the time is 2:05 |
| 9 | p.m. |
| 10 | Present at this interview are myself, Virginia Van |
| 11 | Cleave, an investigator for the NRC Office of |
| 12 | Investigations; Daryl Shapiro, attorney for the NRC Office |
| 13 | of General Counsel; and William Baer, an attorney with |
| 14 | Newman & Holtzinger. |
| 15 | This interview is being tape recorded by Cour. |
| 16 | Reporter Tom Whiteside. And, Mr. Rehkugler, if I could ask |
| 17 | you to stand and raise your right hand. |
| 18 | Whereupon, |
| 19 | ROY REHKUGLER |
| 20 | a witness, was called for examination, and was examined and |
| 21 | testified as follows: |
| 22 | EXAMINATION |
| 23 | BY MS. VAN CLEAVE: |
| 24 | Q I have a few questions to ask you about the |
| 25 | attorney present, Mr. Baer. Does your employer require you |

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| 1 | to have an attorney present when you talk to the MRC? |
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| 2 | A No. |
| 3 | Is Mr. Baer acting as your personal |
| 4 | representative? |
| 5 | A Yes. Yes. |
| 6 | Q Did you select him personally or did your company |
| 7 | select him for you? |
| 8 | A I chose to have him represent me. |
| 9 | Q You selected him personally? |
| 10 | A Yes. |
| 11 | MS. VAN CLEAVE: Mr. Baer, who is your employer? |
| 12 | MR. BAER: Newman & Holtzinger. |
| 13 | MS. VAN CLEAVE: Are you acting as Mr. Rehkugler's |
| 14 | personal representative? |
| 15 | MR. BAER: Yes, I am. |
| 16 | MS. VAN CLEAVE: Does your firm represent any |
| 17 | other party associated with the South Texas Project? |
| 18 | MR. BAER: We represent the licensee for the |
| 19 | project, Houston Lighting and Power Company; yes. And, as |
| 20 | well, I'm representing a number of other individuals that |
| 21 | are subject to this investigation. |
| 22 | MS. VAN CLEAVE: Do you personally represent at |
| 23 | other parties at this site? |
| 24 | MR. BAER: Yes. I also represent the other people |
| 25 | that have been submounted here today for this series of |



| 1 | interviews. |
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| 2 | MS. VAN CLEAVE: And you also personally represent |
| 3 | Houston Lighting and Power with respect to this interview? |
| 4 | MR. BAER: Yes, I do. |
| 5 | MS. VAN CLEAVE: Do you believe a potential |
| 6 | conflict of interest could arise during the course of this |
| 7 | interview? |
| 8 | MR. BAER: It is always possible that a conflict |
| 9 | of interest could arise. At this time, I foresee no such |
| 10 | conflict. |
| 11 | MS. VAN CLEAVE: If a potential conflict of |
| 12 | interest arises, what would you do? |
| 13 | MR. BAER: If a potential conflict of interest |
| 14 | arises, I will inform Mr. Rehkugler of that potential |
| 15 | conflict, then we will discuss how best to proceed at that |
| 16 | point. |
| 17 | BY MS. VAN CLEAVE: |
| 18 | Q Mr. Rehkugler, do you understand that Mr. Baer |
| 19 | represents other parties associated with the South Texas |
| 20 | Project? |
| 21 | A Yes, I do. |
| 22 | Q What is your understanding of who will pay the |
| 23 | attorney's fee? |
| 24 | A HL&P will assume the responsibility of that. |
| 25 | Q And if the licensee, meaning HL&P, decides not to |

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| 1 | continue to have Mr. Baer represent you, what is your |
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| 2 | understanding of the fee? |
| 3 | A That hasn't been discussed. I would imagine we |
| 4 | would have to discuss it at that time. |
| 5 | Q With that understanding, do you still want Mr. |
| 6 | Baer as your representative? |
| 7 | A Yes. |
| 8 | Q Okay. Mr. Rehkugler, what is your current |
| 9 | position here at the South Texas Project? |
| 10 | A I am the Director of Quality Assurance. |
| 11 | Q And how long have you held that position? |
| 12 | A I think that became effective February 1st, 1992. |
| 13 | Q That's fairly recent. |
| 14 | A Yes. |
| 15 | Q Did you work for the South Texas Project prior to |
| 16 | that time? |
| 17 | A Yes. |
| 18 | Q And what was your position then? |
| 19 | A The position that I held previous immediately |
| 20 | previous to the one I have now was officially a senior |
| 21 | consultant in the Quality Assurance organization. What I |
| 22 | actually did is that I was the supervisor for both the Audit |
| 23 | Section and the Procurement Quality Assurance Section. |
| 24 | Q How long did you hold that position? |
| 25 | A Approximately three years. |



| 1 | Q How long have you worked for Houston Lighting & |
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| 2 | Power? |
| 3 | A It will be eleven years this September. |
| 4 | Q And were you always here at South Texas Project? |
| 5 | A No. I was affiliated with South Texas the entire |
| 6 | time, but I think the first three-and-a-half years or so I |
| 7 | was up in the Design Office in Houston. |
| 8 | Q Okay. As you're certainly aware, I'm sure, we're |
| 9 | here to look into some issues surrounding Mr. Thomas J. |
| 10 | Saporito. The first question I have is when did you first |
| 11 | become aware of Mr. Saporito? |
| 12 | A Let me I guess I need to really understand |
| 13 | exactly, because because two different times, but one for |
| 14 | real. When did I personally know about the situation, or |
| 15 | when was the first time I ever laid eyes on him? |
| 16 | Q When was the first time you had any dealings with |
| 17 | Mr. Saporito? |
| 18 | A The first time I ever had any dealings with him |
| 19 | was the day that he came into my office to meet with me, and |
| 20 | the specific date is on that paper. I don't remember |
| 21 | specifically. I'd have to look. |
| 22 | Q So that's February 27th, is that the meeting |
| 23 | you're referring to? |
| 24 | A Yes. |
| 25 | Q Were you aware of Mr. Saporito's existence prior |



to that time?

A After I found out what his name was, yes. I would -- I would may be two days, and I'm guessing. But maybe two days prior to the time that he came into my office, I saw him in the office area upstairs. He was in Don Bohner's office. And so I saw -- I had seen the face before, but I didn't know who the person was or, you know, I didn't know anything.

So, yes, I saw his face, I knew he existed, but I didn't know who he was until the day he walked into my office.

Q Did you have anything to do with responding to the 2.206? Had you been notified of the existence of a 2.206?

A I was aware that there was one, yes. I don't -- I don't recall specifically, but I don't think that I really had anything to do with the response to the 206. I may have. Well, to answer your question, to the best of my knowledge, no; I did not participate in the response process.

Q Then were you aware that Mr. Saporito was a 2.206 petitioner?

A At the time that he walked into my office to talk to me, my answer is no. I didn't even know who he was until he walked into my office. And to be -- to be perfectly honest with you, I'm a little fuzzy as to the timing as to

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| 1 | exactly when I became aware of the 206 as opposed to when he |
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| 2 | came into my office. |
| 3 | But I wasn't aware that he was an allegator, if |
| 4 | you will, or whatever you want to call him when he came in. |
| 5 | I knew there were some problems, but I didn't know what they |
| 6 | were. |
| 7 | Q So when you met with him on February 27th, which |
| 8 | was after Mr. Saporito had already left the site, you were |
| 9 | not aware that he was a 2.206 petitioner although you might |
| 10 | have know that there was a 2.206 petition? |
| 11 | A That's correct. |
| 12 | Q Is that correct? |
| 13 | A That's correct. |
| 14 | Q All right. Is this standard procedure for you to |
| 15 | meet with individuals like this? |
| 16 | A No. |
| 17 | Q Okay. Who arranged this meeting? Who directed |
| 18 | you to meet with Mr. Saporito? |
| 19 | A I don't know who arranged the meeting, for your |
| 20 | first question. For the second question, no one directed me |
| 21 | to talk to him. |
| 22 | Q How did you end up meeting with him on the 27th of |
| 23 | February? |
| 24 | A I was aware, or I was made aware that an |
| 25 | individual wanted to talk to me. And to the best of my |



| 1 | knowledge, I think Don Bohner is the one who advised me that |
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| 2 | this individual wanted to talk to me. At that point I said |
| 3 | bring him in, set it up, bring him in. I didn't know what |
| 4 | he wanted to talk to me about, but I knew that he wanted to |
| 5 | talk to me. |
| 6 | Q So when did you actually meet with him in |
| 7 | connection with when Mr. Bohner told you he wanted to meet |
| 8 | you, was it the same day, was it two hours later, or five |
| 9 | minutes? |
| 10 | A To the best of my knowledge, I I think that he |
| 11 | told me in the morning that he had set up a time for me to |
| 12 | talk to this guy. And I'm pretty sure it occurred that |
| 13 | afternoon. |
| 14 | Q Who else was present during this meeting besides |
| 15 | yourself and Mr. Saporito? PRRICK SPEAKOUT PR |
| 16 | A Rick Cink, who is a Senior Speak Out Investigator, |
| 17 | and Rich DeLong, who at the time was a Division Manager in |
| 18 7 | INC Maintenance. |
| 19 | Q Anyone else? |
| 20 | A I don't think so. I'd have to I would have to |
| 21 | can I get one of them and I'm pretty sure that was |
| 22 | all. But to state positively, Mr. Saporito, that was it, |
| 23 | and myself. |
| 24 | Q Prior to meeting with Mr. Saporito, did you |
| 25 | receive any debriefing or instructions from anyone regarding |



| 1 | your meeting with him? |
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| 2 | A No. |
| 3 | MS. VAN CLEAVE: Let's go off the record. |
| 4 | (Off the record) |
| 5 | MS. VAN CLEAVE: It's about 2:20. We've been off |
| 6 | the record for approximately two minutes in order to try to |
| 7 | determine if the fire alarm had any implications for us. |
| 8 | And we've determined that it probably doesn't, at least as |
| 9 | of now. |
| 10 | BY MS. VAN CLEAVE: |
| 11 | Q I think my last question was, prior to your |
| 12 | meeting with Mr. Saporito, you stated that you had not |
| 13 | received any instructions from anyone or any debriefing from |
| 14 | Mr. Baer or any attorneys before you met with him, is that |
| 15 | |
| 16 | A That's correct. |
| 17 | Q correct? Okay. What was discussed during your |
| 18 | meeting with Mr. Saporito, in general terms? Let's start |
| 19 | with the general terms. |
| 20 | Well, he had several |
| 21 | A Have you read this? |
| 22 | Q Yes. He had several concerns. |
| 23 | A That's a big question you're asking me. |
| 24 | Q Did he tell you why he wanted to meet with you? |
| 25 | A To the best of my recollection, he said that he |

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| 1 | wanted to make me aware of some problems in the station. |
| 2 | Without going through this paper ad mauscam, can I |
| 3 | characterize what I think he wanted to talk about? |
| 4 | Q Uh-huh. |
| 5 | A I would say that the crux of the issues that he |
| 6 | brought to me were things that he perceived to be things |
| 7 | that he perceived to be problems that we were having in the |
| 8 | plant with regard to compliance with procedures, with regard |
| 9 | to what he thought were some training inadequacies, and he |
| 10 | mentioned that we were performing activities in violation of |
| 11 | Rechnical Specifications. |
| 12 | Now, that's putting it in a nutshell, but I would |
| 13 | say that's the crux of what he wanted to talk about. |
| 14 | Q And you referred to this paper earlier. Is this |
| 15 | the document entitled "Meeting Notes," dated February 27, |
| 16 | 1992, is that what you're referring to as "this paper"? |
| 17 | A Yes. |
| 18 | Q Is that in your handwriting? |
| 19 | A Yes, ma'am. |
| 20 | Q And these notes are your recollection of the |
| 21 | meeting on February 27, 1992, is that correct? |
| 22 | A Yes, ma'am. |
| 23 | Q During this meeting did Mr. Saporito bring up the |
| 24 | circumstances surrounding his termination from the South |
| 25 | Texas Project or his unescorted access revocation? |

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| 1 | A Details? I I lost you. Could you re-ask that |
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| 2 | again? |
| 3 | Q Did Mr. Saporito bring up his termination? He had |
| 4 | already been terminated and was no longer on site. His |
| 5 | unescorted access had been revoked. |
| 6 | A Okay. |
| 7 | Q Did he bring |
| 8 | A Yes. |
| 9 | Q that subject up |
| 10 | A Yes. |
| 11 | Q during this meeting? |
| 12 | A Yes. Not to me. When he first walked into the |
| 13 | room and pretty much acted like I wasn't even there for the |
| 14 | first couple of minutes, he talked to Rick Cink and told him |
| 15 | that his main concern was in with regard to his access. |
| 16 | And nothing else was discussed, the circumstances behind his |
| 17 | access. |
| 18 | And to be honest with you, at the time that he |
| 19 | talked about that, I didn't know that he was a terminated |
| 20 | employee. I didn't know that he was someone who had their |
| 21 | access revoked or denied, whichever the case may be. And I |
| 22 | still don't know that. I don't know if he ever did get |
| 23 | access, I don't know. |
| 24 | But, anyway, he did mention it to Rick Cink that |
| 25 | he was concerned shout the issue regarding access. And Rick |



| 1 | acknowledged that, and that was the extent of the |
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| 2 | conversation with regard to that. So did he mention it, |
| 3 | yes; did he talk to me about it, no. |
| 4 | Q But it was discussed at the meeting, at least by |
| 5 | Mr. Saporito, he did mention it? |
| 6 | A He mentioned he mentioned an access issue, but |
| 7 | he didn't get into any specifics at all. |
| 8 | Q What was he concerned about, just |
| 9 | A I don't know. |
| 10 | Q Did he mentio the fact that he believed he didn't |
| 11 | understand why his why he'd been terminated from the site |
| 12 | or why his access had been revoked, did he mention that? |
| 13 | A Not that I recall. |
| 14 | Q Did he ask for an explanation of his revocation? |
| 15 | A No. |
| 16 | Q or an explanation as to why he had been terminated |
| 17 | from the site? |
| 18 | A No. |
| 19 | MR. SHAPIRO: I think you may have two meetings |
| 20 | confused. |
| 21 | THE WITNESS: He didn't no, he didn't ask for |
| 22 | an explanation. The only thing that I recall that he did is |
| 23 | he just mentioned an issue regarding access to Rick Cink, |
| 24 | and that was the extent of it. That was not if you |
| 25 | wanted, you know, a little while ago I described the crux of |

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| 1 | the issue of what he came in to talk to me about. And if I |
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| 2 | had to characterize it, that as not one of the issues that |
| 3 | he came to talk to me about. He didn't even look at me when |
| 4 | he discussed this. And I would say the entire thing took |
| 5 | maybe 20 seconds. I mean, it was quick, brief, over with, |
| 6 | and then we got on to the other issues. |
| 7 | BY MS. VAN CLEAVE: |
| 8 | Q Have you had any other meetings or conversations, |
| 9 | telephone conversations with Mr. Saporito other than this |
| 10 | one meeting? |
| 11 | A No. |
| 12 | Q You had only one time that you talked with Mr. |
| 13 | Saporito, is that correct; he didn't call you later, or you |
| 1.4 | call him, or try to clarify his issues, or anything like |
| 15 | that? |
| 1.6 | A No. As a matter of fact, I gave him my card and |
| 17 | said if you have anything that you need to talk about, call |
| 18 | me. And I never got a call. |
| 19 | Q Okay. Did you have any meeting with the February |
| 20 | 27, 1992 meeting attendees after your discussions with Mr. |
| 21 | Saporito at this time, any debriefings perhaps by attorneys, |
| 22 | or meetings regarding the subject matter that was discussed? |
| 23 | A We we had a meeting, yes. We stayed in the |
| 24 | room; and did we debrief, yes. |

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In addition to the three individuals you've

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| 1 | already noted besides Mr. Saporito, who else was present? |
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| 2 | A To the best of my recollection, that meeting was |
| 3 | Will Jump, Rick Cink, Rich DeLong, Bob Purcell who was an |
| 4 | HL&P lawyer, and Jack Newman and myself. I may have missed |
| 5 | one, but I'm pretty sure that was it. I'm pretty sure that |
| 6 | was who was in that meeting. |
| 7 | Q Do you have any notes regarding that meeting? |
| 8 | A No. |
| 9 | Q What was discussed at that meeting? |
| 10 | A Well, the basic thing that was discussed was the |
| 11 | interview the meeting that I had with Mr. Saporito. I |
| 12 | don't want to say that I don't want to say that I did |
| 13 | this, but to the best of my recollection I think I pretty |
| 4 | much didn't call the meeting, but I wanted to have the |
| 15 | meeting. |
| 16 | What was what was did you ask me what was |
| 17 | discussed? |
| 8 | Q Uh-huh. |
| 19 | A Pretty much what he came to talk to me about, |
| 0 | where the problems were, and any resolutions or issues that |
| 21 | he brought up that that took place in the meeting. And |
| 22 | that was it. |
| 23 | Q Why did you want to have the meeting? |
| 24 | A I'm trying to I'm trying to figure out a good |
| 25 | word for it, and I can't. So I would say that after the |

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| 1 | meeting that I had with Mr. Saporito, I was pretty amazed |
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| 2 | and wanted to know what was going on about these issues that |
| 3 | were being brought up because, to be perfectly honest with |
| 4 | you, I had no knowledge of anything before he walked into my |
| 5 | office. |
| 6 | And a guy came into my office and sat there for, I |
| 7 | don't know, maybe an hour-and-a-half, two hours, however |
| 8 | long. I think it was almost two hours that the meeting |
| 9 | lasted, with all these problems and all these issues. And |
| 10 | this was the first that I had heard about them and I wanted |
| 11 | to find out what was going on. |
| 12 | Now, I didn't call all those people to my office. |
| 13 | Somehow or other everybody ended up there. But that's what |
| 14 | happened. |
| 15 | Q During that subsequent meeting with the other |
| 16 | individuals, was there any discussion regarding Mr. |
| 17 | Saporito's termination |
| 18 | A No. |
| 19 | Q from South Texas? |
| 20 | Was there any discussion regarding the revocation |
| 21 | of his unescorted access to South Texas Project? |
| 22 | A To the best of my recollection, no. |
| 23 | Q Have you since received any instructions or orders |
| 24 | regarding Mr. Saporito's termination or how you would |
| 25 | respond to questions regarding that? |



| you don't hear about stuff like that. That's not something | g |
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| that gets publicized. If someone loses their access, unle | 88 |
| you have a need to know you don't hear about it. So I can | 't |
| even really answer that question. | |

If someone fails fitness for duty, naturally that's a done deal, they're gone. But, see, you don't hear about that either. But if someone, particularly someone who works in the plant that I would have no dealings with anyway, I would never hear about it. So I can't answer you.

Q Rumors don't circulate at the site about access being revoked or anything like that?

A Not -- not really. You know, if I have someone -if I have one of my counterparts that all of a sudden isn't
here anymore, I'm sure I would have questions about it. But
as to whether or not an individual who works at STP lost
their access, does that word go around the job site, I would
almost say no. But that's my opinion, but I don't hear
about that stuff.

You've presented me with some copies of some records or notes here. There's an office memo from you to Mr. Bohner, "Interpretation of Procedural Intent and SPEAKOUT Requirements as Relating to Speak out Concern 12266." What is this?

24 A That was a plant notice to be. The people in 25 Quality Assurance go back and at least partially

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| 1 | A The only instructions that I've received were from |
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| 2 | Bill, and that was to tell the truth and that's it. I |
| 3 | wasn't involved in any way, shape, or form with any |
| 4 | decisions regarding his access. So I really don't have |
| 5 | anything to even talk about. You know, I wasn't involved. |
| 6 | Q Have you received any information after your |
| 7 | meetings here from any source regarding Mr. Saporito's |
| 8 | termination or revocation of access? |
| 9 | A Do you mean the circumstances surrounding |
| | Q The circumstances surrounding it, yes. |
| 10 | There hard that his access |
| 11 | was now, I don't know if his access was denied or if he |
| 12 | |
| 13 | had access and it got revoked, I don't know. But whichever |
| 14 | the case may be, I had heard that the reason that happened |
| 15 | is because he had failed to disclose some type of |
| 16 | information when he filled out his papers. But what that |
| 17 | was, I have no you know. |
| 18 | But that's I heard that I heard that it |
| 19 | happened due to failure to disclose. |
| 20 | Q You've been with HL&P about 11 years? |
| 21 | A Yes. |
| 22 | Q How often does access revocation occur? Is this a |
| 23 | common thing that you hear about? |
| 24 | A Is that what happened, it got revoked? Okay. How |
| 25 | often. I don't I don't think I can answer that because |



| 1 | Quality Assurance Program, do I need to issue a delicition |
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| 2 | report. |
| 3 | Now, there may be a different type of problem |
| 4 | that's outside of my purview, but when I say no deficiency |
| 5 | exists that means that I'm not going to take any quality |
| 6 | Assurance actions relating to this. That's what that means. |
| 7 | Q All right. You've also presented me a copy of |
| 8 | your meeting notes dated February 27, 1992, and you've |
| 9 | already stated this is in your handwriting and these notes |
| 10 | were made following your meeting with Mr. Saporito and they |
| 11 | represent your recollection of that meeting? |
| 12 | A Yes. |
| 13 | MR. SHAPIRO: Are those notes from both meetings, |
| 14 | with Saporito and then the follow-up meeting right |
| 15 | afterwards, of just the first meeting? |
| 16 | THE WITNESS: The first meeting. |
| 17 | BY MS. VAN CLEAVE: |
| 18 | Q And this is the 2.206 petition here. When did you |
| 19 | receive that? |
| 20 | A I don't recall. I think my boss gave that to me |
| 21 | maybe a week or so after it was filed. Because, see, I knew |
| 22 | something was going on, but I didn't know what. And he |
| 23 | said, "Here, it's official. Read it." The specific time as |
| 24 | to when I got that, what date, I don't know. I would say it |
| 25 | was I would have to guess and say early March is when I |



| 1 | reinvestigate the issue, confirm the facts that Speak-Out- |
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| 2 | presented, and then we do an evaluation to decide whether or |
| 3 | not there was, in fact, a violation of the Quality Assurance |
| 4 | Program that would warrant issuance of a deficiency report. |
| 5 | This memo that you have is one that came out of |
| 6 | the a result of the investigation that Speak Out did, |
| 7 | where they sent me two or three issues saying take a look at |
| 8 | this. Take a look at this and decide whether or not the |
| 9 | Quality Assurance Program has been violated. From that |
| 10 | point on, it's my decision whether or not I need to issue a |
| 11 | deficiency report or take some other kind of action. |
| 12 | So what that memo is, is my memo back to Don |
| 13 | Bohner, who is the Speak-Out Manager, telling him we've |
| 14 | looked at it, this is what I say, this is my decision; yes |
| 15 | or no, it is a fuality assurance issue. |
| 16 | Q And you have circled this independent verification |
| 17 | signature, and it says "no deficiency exists." So that was |
| 18 | your that's the one that related to Mr. Saporito? |
| 19 | A No. I didn't circle. I don't know who did, but I |
| 20 | didn't. All three of those issues |
| 21 | Q All of them? |
| 22 | A were brought up by him, I'm pretty sure. |
| 23 | Q They all say "no deficiency exists"? |
| 24 | A Yes. Well, you need to understand that when I say |
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no deficiency exists, that's within my interpretation of the

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| 1 | got that thing. |
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| 2 | Q Like I say, you believe you got this after your |
| 3 | meeting with Mr. Saporito? |
| 4 | A I know I got it after that meeting. Absolutely. |
| 5 | I didn't have that before this meeting. But when I got it |
| 6 | specifically, I don't remember. |
| 7 | MR. SHAPIRO: Are there notes from the second |
| 8 | meeting? |
| 9 | MS. VAN CLEAVE: No, he said he had no notes. |
| 10 | MR. SHAPIRO: Okay. |
| 11 | MS. VAN CLEAVE: Did you have any other questions, |
| 12 | Daryl? |
| 13 | MR. SHAPIRO: Give me a second. |
| 14 | BY MR. SHAPIRO: |
| 15 | Q There were two meetings, one with Saporito and |
| 16 | then the subsequent meeting right afterwards. You knew |
| 17 | about the 206 petition, but you didn't actually have a copy |
| 18 | of it? Or you knew is that a correct statement? |
| 19 | A I I can't say that that is correct because when |
| 20 | I became aware of a 206, I don't really know. The only |
| 21 | thing that I know when he came in to talk to me is that |
| 22 | something was going on, but what it was, I don't know. |
| 23 | If I had to bet if I had to really guess and |
| 24 | bet when did I know that the 206 existed before, you know, |
| 25 | but it wasn't him or whatever, no. I have no idea. I |

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didn't know what this guy wanted. All I know is somebody
wanted to come talk to me.

MR. SHAPIRO: Let's put on the record how we're going to deal with transcripts of this and the subsequent interviews in this investigation.

The Director of Office of Investigations, Ben
Hays, and Jack Newman of your firm have worked out an
acceptable arrangement for inspection of the transcript.

There's a memo -- I wish I could read the date on it -- July
7th, I think it is, a memo from Jack Newman to Ben Hays, or
a letter. I'll describe in detail in a minute.

There has been no and cannot be any request for a transcript yet because it does not exist. The witnesses already have a right to request a transcript copy after the interview.

This letter purporting an agreement between Mr.

Hays and Mr. Newman talks about inspection of the transcript
and an acceptable method agreeable by both parties. On the
record, we have to again say we have denied a transcript
copy to anyone nor would we until the interview takes place.

However, this agreement concerning inspection is acceptable and no way reflects a denial of the actual transcript coming. That being said, the substance of this letter recognizes a witness' right to inspect a transcript copy, it recognizes the reasons why as stated in the APA and

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Have you given this statement voluntarily? Or are you

no question about that. But am I willing to give the

appearing here under subpoena?

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MR. BAER: Wait, wait. I'd like to clarify that.

THE WITNESS: I'm -- I'm under subpoena, there's



| 1 | statement, yes. I have no problem with that. |
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| 2 | MS. VAN CLEAVE: Is there anything further that |
| 3 | you wish to add for the record? |
| 4 | THE WITNESS: No. |
| 5 | MS. VAN CLEAVE: This interview is concluded. |
| 6 | (Whereupon, at 2:42 p.m., the interview was |
| 7 | concluded.) |
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Supplemental Statement of R. J. Rehkugler On page 19, line 24, there is a statement "That was a plant notice to me! This statement makes no sense in the context of my testimony and I do not believe I said those words. However, I do not recall what words I did use. With this change, and the other changes noted on the transcript, I believe that the transcript of testimony I gave on July 15, 1992 is accurate.

R. J. Rehkugler

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Supplemental Statement of William J. Jump

During review of the transcript of testimony given by me on July 16, 1992, I noted certain discrepancies based on my current knowledge and recollection:

- 1. On pages 36, 41, and 46, I testified that I reviewed Mr. Saporito's nuclear file in the hallway outside Mr. Hall's office. In fact, I believe I obtained Mr. Saporito's nuclear file, reviewed it, and returned it to Mr. Odom while we were standing outside of the Nuclear Support Center building. The remainder of my testimony regarding my review of this file is correct.
- 2. On page 88, I testified that the eight criteria for evaluation of individuals for access authorization are specified in an NRC regulation. In fact, those criteria are specified in NRC Regulatory Guide 5.66, which is a guidance document issued by the NRC which describes means for complying with NRC regulations. HL&P's access authorization procedure is designed to comport with this guidance.
- 3. On pages 131 and 136 I testified that Mr. Balcom made the decision to deny Mr. Saporito's appeal of Mr. Balcom's decision to revoke Mr. Saporito's access. In fact, that decision was made by Mr. Wisenburg.

Aside from these three items, I believe that the testimony I provided was accurate.

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William J. Jump

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