

MEMORANDUM FOR: J. Y. Vorse, Chief Investigator

THRU: J. C. Bryant, Chief, Reactor Projects Section 2A

FROM: P. K. Van Doorn, Senior Resident Inspector, Catawba

SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING QC WELDING INSPECTION AT
CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION (Case No. 2G022)

I have performed a preliminary review of the Duke Power Company (DPC) task force effort addressing the subject concerns. It does appear that some degree of falsification of records has occurred. No significant hardware discrepancies have been identified. However, review is yet to be completed for some concerns. DPC has recognized the falsification issue (see excerpted pages 5 and 11 of DPC task force report enclosed) and has recommended training of inspectors and supervisors. DPC has also developed a technical recourse procedure.

Some harassment of inspectors by craft has apparently occurred, primarily verbal. One instance which apparently happened several years ago involved a craftsman pointing a rifle at an inspector at an off-site location. The craftsman apparently quit before he could be fired. Also it is claimed that inspectors were verbally harassed by a supervisor about coming to the NRC and that some inspectors are afraid to talk to NRC. DPC has implemented a harassment recourse procedure as recommended by the task force.

Due to the sensitivity of the concerns described generally above, I feel that RII:INV should review these concerns. I have enclosed a copy of these concerns with this memorandum. Copies of the technical evaluations for those that relate to specific hardware have also been included.

I consider that interviews will be necessary before we can close out this investigation. Interviews are necessary concerning falsification and harassment as well as some of the technical concerns. Placing persons under oath may be warranted in some instances. I can interview inspectors regarding technical issues but it may be advantageous to combine the interviewing process. Please provide guidance as to whether I should conduct interviews and if it is necessary for me to have a witness during the interview process. Interviews conducted concerning the more sensitive issues and/or those involving placing persons under oath should be under the direction of RII:INV.

I will continue my technical evaluations of the concerns but will avoid the formal interview process until directed otherwise.

Sincerely,


Peter K. Van Doorn

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Carl E. Alderson, Director, Program Support Staff
THRU: *AJL* A. J. Ignatonis, Acting Chief, Reactor Projects Section 2A
FROM: P. K. Van Doorn, Senior Resident Inspector, Catawba
SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING QC WELDING INSPECTION AT CATAWBA
NUCLEAR STATION (Case No. 2G022)

I have completed my review of the Duke Power Company (DPC) task force effort addressing the subject concerns. My investigation has included a review of each concern and resultant evaluation and recommendations. In addition I interviewed 9 QA/QC supervisors and 19 QC welding inspectors. These personnel included all those QA/QC personnel who had expressed or been involved with concerns. A list of persons interviewed is attached as Enclosure (1). I have reported this inspection effort in NRC Report Nos. 413/82-21, 414/82-19, 413/82-32, 414/82-30, 413/82-33, and 414/82-31. DPC has retained detailed records of the task force investigation which will be retained by DPC and made available for any further review that we deem necessary.

My conclusion is that the DPC investigation was complete and that resultant recommendations and actions taken or planned appear adequate to address the concerns. I discussed both harassment and falsification during the interview process. Although there appear to have been occasional disagreements between QC and craft personnel, I conclude that harassment is not a legitimate concern at Catawba. I further conclude that falsification is not a concern at Catawba. Some inspectors have signed for items which they did not agree were acceptable. However, they did so at the direction of a supervisor who had made an honest judgement that the item was acceptable. DPC has now implemented a policy preventing someone signing for an item which he/she does not agree is acceptable.

My recommendation is that we consider Case No. 2G022 closed.

P. K. Van Doorn
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Enclosure (1) List of Persons Interviewed (Confidential)

cc: J. Y. Vorse, Director, Office of Investigations

NOTE: Enclosure is not being publicly released due to its confidential nature. (OIA)

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Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414

MEMORANDUM FOR: G. E. Johnson
Office of ELD

FROM: P. K. Van Doorn, Senior Resident Inspector
Catawba Nuclear Station

SUBJECT: INFORMATION RELATIVE TO WELDING INSPECTOR CONCERNS AT
CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION

As stated in previous correspondence, concerns were expressed to both Duke Power Co. (DPC) and NRC regarding welding inspection at Catawba. The concerns expressed to NRC by four inspectors were also expressed to DPC officials and included in the DPC task force review.

I have completed my review of this matter and have concluded that the DPC task force effort has resulted in satisfactory actions taken or planned to address the concerns. Results of my inspections are included in NRC reports and memoranda. These memoranda, along with copies of the concerns expressed to NRC, are contained in the NRC:RII case file. A copy of this file is being forwarded to you directly from NRC:RII per C. E. Alderson. Additional documentation utilized by me to perform my review is held by DPC in the form of documentation of the DPC task force review. It is my understanding that this material has been released to the Palmetto Alliance per DPC: A. V. Carr, Jr.


P. K. Van Doorn

cc: A. J. Ignatonis, NRC:RII
K. N. Jabbour, NRR

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