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MEETING BETWEEN TEXAS UTILITIES AND THE
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REGARDING
COMANCHE PEAK STEAM ELECTRIC STATION -
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P R O C E E D I N G S

8:47 a.m.

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3 MR. NOONAN: Good morning, ladies and
4 gentlemen.

5 My name is Vince Noonan, the Director for
6 the Comanche Peak Project.

7 I guess we are here this morning basically
8 to listen to the Applicant tell us about his Program
9 Plans and how he is proceeding on what we call the TRT
10 issues.

11 Today we will be addressing the electrical
12 issues.

13 John, I think I'd like to just make one
14 statement to start out here. I said earlier I am
15 going to leave here; I won't be here very long this
16 morning. I have to take care of some business and
17 I'm going to use the residence trailer back of the
18 site.

19 But before we get there, these next set
20 of meetings we are talking about here, the one today
21 and then next week, we are here to listen to your
22 Program Plan and what you plan to do about things and
23 how you are going to proceed about it.

24 In reading the safety evaluations back in
25 Washington, when I go through them, I look at some of

1 the things the Staff has put in there, the various
 2 actions and some of the things we've put in there. And
 3 I would like you to at least come back to us and tell
 4 us in some cases where you think there are better
 5 ways, maybe a better way of doing things or a more
 6 efficient way of doing things.

7 I guess I get concerned a little bit when
 8 I read somewhere where the Staff requires some certain
 9 analysis to be done.

10 That's fine. If that's what is needed,
 11 we'll do that; but I guess I'd like to address that
 12 that's really what is necessary. There are other
 13 ways to get into it.

14 Some of these analyses can get very long
 15 and they can't really be as conclusive as some other
 16 course of action.

17 So whatever area we are talking about, I
 18 would like to have that open for discussion. I'll
 19 leave it up to you, your prerogative.

20 If you think there's a better way of doing
 21 it, then you ought to tell us about it.

22 Feel free to do that. I know we are in a
 23 forum that we don't like to operate in too well, the
 24 NRC doesn't like to operate in too well, because we
 25 like to have an open technical discussion. We are

1 being recorded and we are being watched, and that's
2 fine.

3 I would like to open it up, though, into
4 what I call a normal discussion between us and
5 yourselves, and we'll discuss the pros and cons of
6 these things.

7 With that, I think I'll let you go ahead
8 and start it.

9 MR. BECK: Clearly, Vince, that's the
10 spirit in which we are going to be making our
11 presentations today and next week, is to provide a
12 full open exchange and a thorough ventilation of the
13 issues, and your comments with regard to providing
14 alternatives to addressing some of these questions,
15 we've also taken in good spirit and have in some
16 instances provided some options and alternatives that
17 we think, given the questions on the table, will get
18 at root causes and then subsequently to any generic
19 implications that evolve from looking at the specific
20 set of questions.

21 Today we are going to be reviewing our
22 progress on the electrical TRT issues, as you indicated
23 earlier.

24 I'd like to give some background and
25 perspective, and especially relate today's meetings to

1 previous meetings that we've had, so that there's a
2 common thread established, particularly in the record.

3 I will be introducing Martin Jones, our
4 Review Team Leader for the electrical area, who will
5 lead today's discussion.

6 By way of background, we received the
7 first TRT letter addressing this particular issue on
8 September 18th, '84, and submitted a Program Plan and
9 action plans in early October.

10 We had public meetings in Bethesda on
11 October 19th and the 23rd to receive NRC comments.

12 As a result of those meetings, we modified
13 our Program Plan, the over-all guiding document for
14 all the issue-specific action areas to add more
15 objectivity, to place greater emphasis on root cause
16 and generic implication determinations, and to clarify
17 other aspects of the program.

18 The action plans that will be discussed
19 today and at next week's meetings will reflect the
20 following differences from those that you saw in
21 October:

22 First, we have reviewed and revised with
23 the new Review Team Leaders all the action plans. If
24 you recall, previously we had assigned those individuals
25 within the TUGCO organization who were most familiar

1 with the issues being discussed; and being responsive
2 to the question of objectivity, that's when we brought
3 in the outside Team Leaders. Martin Jones is only one
4 example.

5 We've also revised the action plans, and
6 they have been reviewed and approved by the recon-
7 structed senior review team, once again adding third
8 party outside people.

9 The action plans reflect consideration of
10 SSER-7, where it's applicable to the particular issues
11 in question.

12 They incorporate consideration of NRC
13 concerns expressed with the first versions that came
14 in the October meetings, and then subsequently in the
15 January 24 letter from Staff.

16 They include expansions that resulted from
17 our implementation process.

18 We committed to expanding samples when it
19 was warranted by the results we found, and we have in
20 fact made such sample size expansions, particularly in
21 the electrical area.

22 We've made substantial progress on many of
23 the issues, especially those that were included in the
24 September 18 and November 29 letters, and you'll be
25 hearing specific examples of that progress.

1 action plans and the results in the electrical area.

2 We would like this to be an open discussion
3 of the action plan itself and our results.

4 Feel free to interchange as the presentation
5 goes forward. It has been structured so that it will
6 accommodate that kind of active involvement.

7 If there are no further questions, I'll
8 turn it over to Martin and he can get started.

9 MR. NOONAN: There's just one other thing.
10 When I was making my opening remarks, one thing I
11 didn't mention that also I would like you to come back
12 to us on.

13 This is in regard of certain things we
14 talk about, whether they are safety-related or not
15 safety-related.

16 As you start to see more and more of the
17 SER's, you will see in there that there's a number of
18 things the NRC Staff looked at that were not safety-
19 related equipment.

20 Under the normal course of doing business,
21 the NRC Staff would not even have looked at these
22 things.

23 We would have turned them back to you and
24 said they are more of an economic impact on you than
25 they are -- they are of no safety significance to us,

1 and more of an economic impact on you.

2 These things are in here. I'm not sure
3 in this particular area there are any of those, but
4 in some of the areas there are those kind of things.

5 I think you need to look at those and you
6 need to come back to us. If we say something has
7 safety significance and you disagree, you have to tell
8 us, because you know your plants a lot better than we
9 do.

10 You know, we are in Washington. We are
11 regulators, and we look at the regulations.

12 It's always the utility that makes the
13 decision of what's safety-related and what's not
14 safety-related, and we look at it from an auditor's
15 standpoint.

16 We usually concur in those decisions or
17 we might have some questions of some certain things
18 we think should be on that list. But clearly, it's
19 your list to maintain and to determine.

20 So I think as we go through it, particularly
21 for the next few days, if those kind of things are in
22 error, we ought to bring it out on the record and show
23 that these are non-safety-related items we're talking
24 about here.

25 The Staff can explain why they looked at

1 it, and we can go from there.

2 MR. BECK: Good. I appreciate that input.

3 MR. CALVO: Just for the record, I guess
4 Mr. Noonan forgot to introduce the other two members of
5 the Nuclear Regulatory Staff.

6 I'm Jose Calvo. I was the group leader
7 for the electrical instrumentation review at Comanche
8 Peak.

9 Here to my right is Angelo C. Marinós,
10 who is also working with me in the electrical in-
11 strumentation group.

12 That's all I have to say.

13 MR. BECK: Thank you.

14 Martin, would you do your thing.

15 MR. JONES: Okay, thanks, John.

16 We are going to go right ahead and get
17 into the specific action item plans. We are going to
18 use the viewgraph and we've got just a couple of
19 slides that we are going to show as well.

20 Again, as John has said, please feel free
21 at any time just to ask questions. We'll be glad to
22 stop whenever you like. If there are any questions,
23 we'll be happy to address them as we go.

24 The first thing I want to cover is the
25 issues which have been assigned to us, that is,

1 particularly to me. There are nine in all.

2 1.A.1. regards the heat-shrinkable cable
3 insulation sleeves.

4 1.A.2., inspection reports on butt splices.

5 1.A.3. is butt-splice qualification.

6 1.A.4. is agreement between the drawings
7 and field terminations. That is, are the conductors
8 terminated as shown on the drawings.

9 1.A.5. involves the nonconformance reports,
10 specific nonconformance reports which were written
11 on vendor installed AMP, which is a brand-name,
12 terminal lugs.

13 1.B.1. regards the use of flexible conduit
14 in the control panels to maintain separation.

15 1.B.1. is flexible conduit to flexible
16 conduit separation; and related to that is 1.B.2.,
17 which is flexible conduit to cable separation.
18 Again, we are talking about separations in the panels.

19 Item 1.B.3. is regarding conduit to cable
20 tray separation; and Item 1.B.4. regards barrier
21 removal. The barrier was a barrier in the control
22 panels which have been removed.

23 I'm going to discuss with you Items 1.A.1.
24 through 1.A.5., and Item 1.B.4.

25 Items 1.B.1., 2., and 1.B.3. will be

1 discussed with you by Sam Martinovich, who is a Gibbs &
2 Hill engineer on this particular issue.

3 I will go through them in the order which
4 you have just seen. A couple of them will be combined,
5 that is, 1.B.2. and 1.B.3., the butt-splice qualifica-
6 tions are sort of intertwined, so I will discuss those
7 as one subject.

8 Item 1.A.1. is the Nuclear Heat - Shrinkable
9 Cable Insulation Sleeves.

10 A little background on this: The sleeves
11 are in most cases provided by the RayChem Company,
12 the ones that are under discussion here now.

13 They are insulation sleeves which are
14 slipped over terminations or joint splices and which
15 can be shrunk tightly around the cable conductors to
16 provide both insulation and environmental seals. They
17 are used particularly where there are harsh environ-
18 mental areas.

19 In this particular instance, the issue
20 involves a lack of awareness on the part of the QC
21 inspectors as to where the heat-shrinkable cable
22 sleeves were required to be installed and where the
23 installation was required to be witnessed by the QC
24 inspectors.

25 In this area, our initiative in this area

1 involves the following. It's divided into two parts.

2 The first part was that we would review the
3 QC, that is, the inspection procedures, and the instal-
4 lation procedures, and to make revisions to better
5 define where these inspections were required and what
6 the actual installation requirements were for these
7 things.

8 In looking at some of the documentation
9 reviews that we're going through now, it's becoming
10 even more apparent to us now that we need to even
11 further improve those procedures. We need to clarify
12 them even more.

13 So we are in the process of doing that
14 now, and I think when we are finished with the program,
15 we are going to have a very useful set.

16 Part two of the program involved a sampling
17 plan, which was based on the 95 percent confidence
18 level that no more than five percent of the inspection
19 reports would be defective.

20 That is, in reviewing the inspection
21 reports, make sure that these inspections were witnessed.

22 So we have identified in this program a
23 little over 1100 places in Unit 1 where the heat-shrink
24 installations were used. That is, of motor terminations,
25 connections between cables and electrical penetrations

1 and in areas of that type where they were actually
2 used.

3 Those cables were identified in the
4 sampling plan, samples from those 1100. To get the
5 95/5 confidence factor, we selected 60 out of those
6 which had an acceptance of zero, with an expandable
7 factor in there to expand it to 95 in case there was
8 one failure.

9 Any more than that, above the -- out of
10 that 95 requires, using this statistically-based
11 sampling plan, a hundred percent reinspection, a
12 review of all those, a hundred percent review of all
13 those inspection reports.

14 Based on the first 60, and going through
15 it the first time, and reconciling all the things
16 that need to be reconciled -- for example, what
17 revision of the procedure was in use at the time that
18 that inspection was made, what inspection report was
19 required at that time, and going through the whole
20 thing trying to reconcile them with those things, we
21 felt at that time that there was a failure that we
22 could not reconcile.

23 We expanded it to the next 35. In re-
24 reviewing that, we are still reviewing that one failure,
25 and we are not positive that it was a failure to

1 actually witness the splicing, maybe a failure of
2 something else.

3 But we are still looking at this plan, but
4 we have gone to the second 35. We are in the process
5 of reviewing those now.

6 We hope that we are going to be able to
7 reconcile all our findings.

8 MR. MARINOS: Martin, can I interrupt you
9 a minute?

10 MR. JONES: Sure.

11 MR. MARINOS: This one failure that you
12 mentioned, is that failure to document or failure in
13 the actual physical installation? What was the nature
14 of the failure?

15 MR. JONES: That reject that's listed
16 under Page 1 right there, in fact, had to do with
17 the termination, not with the heat-shrink installation
18 itself, and that's why we still have a question as to
19 whether that was actually a failure of somebody to
20 witness the heat-shrink installation.

21 MR. MARINOS: But the documentation was
22 there that it had been performed?

23 MR. JONES: There was some documentation
24 that it was witnessed, verified.

25 MR. MARINOS: Verified?

1 MR. JONES: Verified, right.

2 MR. CALVO: You say that the total number
3 of cases with the heat-shrinkable sleeves used
4 were 1100.

5 MR. JONES: Over 1100.

6 MR. CALVO: What is important to know,
7 you've got to know what the total population is.

8 MR. JONES: That's right.

9 MR. CALVO: So based on that total
10 population, you say you picked up 60 records?

11 MR. JONES: Sixty records.

12 MR. CALVO: It looks to me that that is
13 kind of low.

14 MR. JONES: That's to give us 95 percent
15 confidence that no more than 5 percent of those will
16 not have that record.

17 MR. CALVO: But that was based on what
18 kind of a population, over 1100?

19 MR. JONES: Over 1100.

20 MR. CALVO: But as the population increases,
21 then the sample also would increase?

22 MR. JONES: It would also increase, if
23 that's the case, yeah.

24 MR. MARINOS: Sixty gives you a 95 percent
25 confidence level with no failures?

1 MR. JONES: Five percent failure; five
2 per cent.

3 MR. MARINOS: Who has determined the 60?
4 That is statistical basis?

5 MR. JONES: Yes. We have a statistical
6 consultant on board with us almost full time that
7 works here, and this was based on his recommendation
8 as to how we came up with it.

9 MR. MARINOS: That's something that I
10 would have to ask our statisticians. I'm not a
11 statistician, so I --

12 MR. JONES: Neither am I.

13 MR. MARINOS: So 60 is the number that
14 would give you that confidence level?

15 MR. JONES: That's right, 95/5.

16 MR. MARINOS: I was under the impression
17 it was a larger number. .

18 MR. JONES: Not in this case.

19 MR. MARINOS: What do you mean, "not in
20 this case"?

21 MR. JONES: We'll get to one on the
22 terminations where we have a 95 with only one percent
23 rejection factor, which does give you a much higher
24 number.

25 MR. MARINOS: Well, in terms of how many,

1 what is the sample, how large a sample you need in
2 order to get this confidence level of 95 percent, I
3 was under the impression that that is a larger number
4 you would have to inspect in order to get this con-
5 fidence level of 95 percent.

6 I thought it was in the hundreds. It's
7 something I'll have to check with our statisticians.

8 MR. JONES: Okay. Fine. We'll be glad to
9 go over that.

10 MR. MARINOS: On various subjects, not
11 just terminations, but other things that we do to
12 determine the confidence level.

13 MR. JONES: Sure.

14 MR. CALVO: But again, you answered to
15 say "over 1100." That is not the correct answer.
16 The answer is, "We have so many of these cases," and
17 based on how many cases, you pick out a sample to give
18 you 95/5. Okay?

19 MR. JONES: Exactly.

20 MR. CALVO: Based on that sample, then you
21 find what the rejection criterion is, at 5 percent.

22 So you've got to know -- for us to check
23 it to see if you are correct, we've got to know how
24 many records do you have, how many cases. Then
25 based on that, the sample had been selected.

1 MR. JONES: That's exactly right. Precisely.

2 MR. BECK: Jose, if I can interject,
3 because we are using a sampling approach, we are very
4 sensitive to making certain from a statistical stand-
5 point that it's a properly structured piece, because
6 we are doing it in more than one instance.

7 The consultants that we have brought in
8 in this regard are absolutely topnotch and the action
9 plans as they specifically address samples will
10 reflect that constant input.

11 They are assisting across the board with
12 all the issue team leaders as they encounter these,
13 and the written documentation will reflect very
14 precisely what the bases were, what the sample sizes
15 were, what the criteria are.

16 I think you'll find it sound.

17 MR. JONES: What you say is absolutely
18 right. You have to know the exact 1128.

19 MR. CALVO: The other thing, I think, we
20 talked about at a meeting in Bethesda on this same
21 subject.

22 Once you start with the sample that you
23 are going to take, you should concentrate on those
24 systems which, upon their failure, they give you the
25 greater probability for potential risk, you know, a

1 potential problem of core melt-down in the reactor.

2 So whatever the sample, if you only come
3 out with 60, I think it will be of interest to everybody
4 where you are concentrated, with the diesel generator,
5 or are you concentrated with the emergency core cooling
6 system, whatever.

7 I think that's interesting.

8 MR. JONES: I think when we get into
9 termination you will see exactly how we address what
10 your concern is there.

11 MR. CALVO: Okay.

12 MR. JONES: So the status of this
13 particular item is right now that we have reviewed 90.
14 We are still in the status of review.

15 We have not yet determined that we will
16 have to expand that sample in this particular area.

17 That is the status, and we are almost,
18 in this case, on this one, practically at the end of
19 our work and at the end of our review on 1.A.1.

20 Okay. These butt splices -- and as I
21 mentioned earlier, I'm going to combine the discussion
22 of 1.A.2. and 1.A.3. on butt splices.

23 This is an area where we have had a
24 number of problems. We want to discuss them with you.

25 I think there's certainly some negative

1 aspects to it, but there's some positive aspects to it,
2 too.

3 The concerns that TRT found with the butt
4 splices included: That inspection reports did not
5 indicate that the witnesses of the splice installation
6 was done; the drawings did not reflect the location of
7 all the butt splices.

8 We were concerned that the butt splices
9 were not qualified for the service conditions which
10 they were used.

11 That the butt splices were not staggered;
12 that is, they were not adjacent to each other and
13 not touching one another.

14 And that there was a lack of provisions in
15 the installation procedures, and that should also
16 include the inspection procedures, to verify the
17 operability of those circuits where those things were
18 used.

19 I would like to give you a little background
20 on butt splices.

21 A couple of years ago it was recognized
22 that there were a number of changes that were going
23 to be required in some of the control panel wiring.

24 These were for a number of reasons. They
25 were primarily in the control and spreading room panels.

1 In some cases they were in other areas.

2 These were either due to logic changes, or
3 there were some other reasons, human factors, for
4 example, maybe TMI changes, or in some cases it was
5 simply to better re-arrange the train cables in the
6 panels.

7 But for whatever reason, the AMP pre-
8 insulated environmental seal butt splices were
9 selected, which is a butt-splice sleeve which has the
10 insulation as sort of an integral part to it.

11 We've got a slide which shows this. An
12 FSAR amendment was submitted to provide for the use of
13 these.

14 I think that was Amendment 44. It was
15 submitted to allow for the use of these splices in
16 the panels.

17 Could we have that first slide, please.

18 These drawings were taken from the AMP
19 installation guides that were used here on the project.

20 The left-hand side is the acceptable
21 method of using it. The right-hand side shows one,
22 for example, where the insertion depth is not -- if
23 you'll look where it's marked No. 6, for example, on
24 there shows that it's not inserted as far as it is on
25 No. 6 on the left-hand side, all the way to the wire

1 stop.

2 We have spent a lot of time on this and
3 a lot of effort. We'd like to go into that in some
4 detail, if you'd like.

5 We have one more slide that shows where
6 these splices -- an example of where these splices were
7 used.

8 This is the inside of one of the control
9 panels. This particular one is CR-13. It's a little
10 difficult to see the splices. They are small.

11 This is just an example of the kind of
12 panel and the type of wiring where these are encountered.

13 In this particular panel there are quite a
14 few of them. I'm sorry the slide is not a little bit
15 clearer, but if you look closely, they are visible.
16 They are not very much bigger than the conductor
17 itself.

18 Okay. As I mentioned, the FSAR Amendment
19 44 was submitted to allow for the use of these, but in
20 using them the issue of staggering was not included in
21 that amendment to the FSAR.

22 So it was recognized shortly, I guess, after
23 the TRT inspection that staggering had neither been
24 included in the procedures nor had it been accomplished
25 when the splices were made.

1 So it was recognized early on that that
2 type thing had to be corrected.

3 I'd like to also point out that the sleeves
4 that were used are very similar to the AMP, which is
5 the same manufacturers who manufacture most of the
6 terminals that are used in those panels and elsewhere
7 throughout the plant.

8 So in the process of doing this, there
9 were a number of these control instrumentation cables
10 spliced and reterminated and they were primarily in
11 these cabinets.

12 To date we have identified 615 of those
13 splices. That's in these panels in the cable and
14 spreading room and outside, including a few that are
15 in some other control centers and other places.

16 Could I have the next?

17 MR. CALVO: Excuse me. This is from Unit 1
18 or Unit 2 only?

19 MR. JONES: We're talking about Unit 1
20 right now. I think we're doing the best to not use
21 them at all in Unit 2.

22 The fact is that Unit 2, before that -- in
23 fact, not all that work has been done yet, if I'm
24 correct, and they recognized these modifications and
25 changes that needed to be made before those cables were

1 put in to begin with. So it hasn't been the same sort
2 of problem in Unit 2.

3 MR. CALVO: So the question, then, any
4 systems in there that are shared between Unit 1 and 2
5 where you may have bad splices; that's what I'm asking.

6 MR. JONES: I suppose it would include
7 Unit 1 in common in what we've already looked at.

8 I will say specifically, we have not
9 looked at Unit 2 at this point, anyway, just at Unit 1
10 in common.

11 So far, here are the initiatives we've taken,
12 and I'm going to discuss these in phases because it kind
13 of in a logical manner falls into these phases.

14 In Phase 1, these were the things that we
15 recognized from the beginning: That the cables had
16 to be retrained so that the butt splices would not
17 touch one another.

18 We realized that we needed to revise the
19 procedures, the installation and the quality control
20 procedures for tighter control.

21 We agreed with you that we needed to --
22 that the butt-splice sleeves needed to be qualified
23 for the service conditions in which they were used;
24 and this is based primarily on the manufacturer's
25 information on those.

1 And we agreed, also, that we needed to
2 review additional inspection reports for witnessing
3 the splices.

4 During this period of time when the TRT
5 was here, I think you looked at about 12 inspection
6 reports and found some problems with those inspection
7 reports.

8 And then prior to, at least, the
9 restructuring of the SRT, TUGCO folks had looked at
10 12 additional ones, but not based on any statistical
11 sample or any, really, scientifically based sample,
12 but just sort of a random sample that they had done.

13 Phase 2 was predicated on failures in
14 Phase 1 which occurred.

15 In addition to that, I think your comments
16 on the original action plan had requested that Phase 2
17 be conducted regardless of any outcome of Phase 1.

18 So in any case, for whatever the reason,
19 we have proceeded to Phase 2 in the butt-splice
20 inspection.

21 Phase 2 consisted of a third party
22 inspection of the butt splices in the panels; that is,
23 physical inspection of the butt splices in the panels
24 to see that they were in conformance with the drawings,
25 that they were properly terminated, that the right

1 sleeves were used, that the right crimp was used and
2 the right tool was used, the things of a normal in-
3 spection nature which take place during any installa-
4 tion.

5 Phase 2 was also to update and correct the
6 design documents. Primarily, that is that the drawings
7 correctly reflect the location of splices within those
8 panels.

9 Phase 2 would also correct the hardware
10 deficiencies that were found; that is, bad splices for
11 whatever reason. Any hardware deficiencies that
12 needed to be corrected, they would be taken out,
13 replaced or whatever.

14 It would also include a third party review
15 of all the inspection reports; that is, inspection
16 reports of all the cables covered by these butt splices,
17 the 600 conductors, however many cables that was.

18 Okay. I'd like to give you just a summary.
19 We are still reviewing this and I'd like not to be
20 pinned down on these exact numbers, but I want to give
21 you some numbers on the things that we found during
22 this inspection.

23 The physical inspection is complete. We
24 are still doing the documentation reviews and we are
25 still reconciling some of these things.

1 Let me give you some numbers of things we
2 found.

3 There were 26 cases of plain unauthorized
4 butt splices being made. That is, there was not a
5 design change authorization.

6 And, again, if you don't -- We are still
7 reviewing the numbers, but I want to give you an idea
8 of what they are. Please don't pin me down to them.

9 There were in excess of a hundred splices
10 on the drawings which were not found in the field, and
11 we may need a little explanation on that.

12 I think the best explanation for that is
13 that the field requested that splices be authorized
14 in looking through and seeing what cables were going
15 to have to be moved. And I think probably what
16 happened in this case was when they actually had to
17 move the cables, they found that the conductors indeed
18 were long enough to reach where they needed to be
19 reached, but the glitch was in not getting back to the
20 engineering so that they correctly reflected it in the
21 drawings.

22 There were 23 crimps, that is, the
23 impression on the butt splice, where the wrong tool
24 was used. That is, the manufacturer specifies for
25 each sleeve size and type what tool should be used.

1 In 23 cases the wrong one was used.

2 In eight cases the wrong sleeve was used.
3 That is, the wrong size sleeve was used for a
4 particular conductor size.

5 In ten cases the insulation, the integral
6 insulation to the sleeve had been split. Whether it
7 was caused by the tool or maybe by heating it, over-
8 heating when it shrunk, it was split.

9 In three cases we found strands curled.
10 That is, all of the strands in the conductor didn't
11 get inside the barrel.

12 And in fourteen cases there was an
13 improper crimp. Generally, this means that the tool
14 wasn't placed in the correct location on the butt splice
15 when it was found.

16 In addition to that, we found other
17 deficiencies -- I won't give you any numbers on those --
18 where at least there was a termination error or there
19 were drawing errors. There was no visible dot code
20 on the splice. When you squeeze these with the right
21 tool. it leaves a little tiny dot impression and
22 indent so that you can go back and later see that the
23 right tool was used, either one dot or two dots.
24 In this case you just couldn't see it. It doesn't
25 necessarily mean it was bad, but you couldn't see it.

1 The stagger was certainly not what it
2 should have been, and that has been or is being
3 corrected.

4 Either wrong color or the wrong size wire
5 was spliced on. We are still looking into that.

6 And then outside of what was specified in
7 our inspection procedures, what we asked the inspectors
8 to specifically look for, we also asked them to
9 notice other things.

10 These included damaged insulation that
11 they ran across. They identified some separation
12 problems.

13 There were improper support. That is, in
14 some cases the bundle might then pull it down against
15 the termination lugs. You know, it's not properly
16 supported.

17 One of the problems that we are looking
18 into further was that there's a possibility -- if you
19 will recall the first slide that we saw -- that there
20 was not complete insertion of the conductor into the
21 sleeve; and that is one that bothers us because it's
22 not something you can determine from outside inspection
23 of it. So we are looking into that.

24 We are going to consider all these things,
25 but what may be most significant, what we feel the

1 most significant of these, and that is where the wrong
2 crimp tool was used, where there was an improper crimp,
3 where we used the wrong sleeve or the wrong wire size,
4 either case, where there was improper insertion depth,
5 if that is the case. Those are the four items with
6 which we have our primary concern.

7 The actual safety significance, that is,
8 the over-all safety significance as it applies to the
9 operation of the plant will be determined in each
10 case where we have a bad crimp, looking back at the
11 function of what that particular conductor was and
12 whether it may or may not have functioned in that plant.

13 So that's part of our ongoing work, is to
14 look into the safety significance of those particular
15 things.

16 Could I have the next chart on that,
17 please? Okay.

18 I would like to say that the documentation
19 review, that is, the inspection reports, that's been
20 started.

21 I think they have turned in initial
22 findings on that. We have not reviewed those and
23 that is in progress.

24 So all these are going under review.
25 There's obviously a need for a Phase 3. Phase 2 is

1 not going to resolve all the problems that we have.

2 Phase 3, I said, we will need to evaluate
3 the safety significance in those specific areas.

4 We need to investigate related areas.
5 That is, this is not limited to butt splices, if
6 there are other things that are related to that that
7 may also be affected by the things that we find wrong
8 here.

9 The first thing you would think of would
10 be, say, terminations or the drawing change control,
11 things of that nature.

12 We don't feel the terminations are, but
13 there may be other areas and we are going to look into
14 those.

15 We are going to determine the root cause,
16 how did this all come about and why is this situation
17 existing.

18 We are going to look at the QA and QC
19 implications of what we've found.

20 And then we are going to take long-term
21 corrective action.

22 Okay. What we've tried to do is to
23 summarize the concerns that we found with butt splices
24 and what we're going to do as far as the over-all
25 corrective action goes.

1 The first three concerns, for example,
2 the wrong crimp tool was used, wire strands were
3 curled or the insulation was split or improper shrink,
4 whatever, in those cases, certainly, the short-term
5 action is going to be replace those things.

6 In order to do that and before we replace
7 them, what we're doing now is making sure that the
8 procedures that we use are --

9 MR. MARINOS: One point of clarification.

10 These determinations were made on a
11 hundred percent inspection of all the butt splices
12 that you were able to find.

13 MR. JONES: Yes.

14 MR. MARINOS: So the specific deficiencies,
15 wrong crimp tool or wire strands is on specific ones?
16 There is no hidden ones?

17 MR. JONES: No. There's no statistical
18 analysis or anything like that. These are specific
19 ones where we found a specific problem. That's correct.

20 Before we can replace them, certainly, we
21 need to look at the procedures. We need to make sure
22 that the electricians that are going to do this work
23 are adequately trained, and that the inspectors are
24 also adequately trained to do this.

25 The procedures are in the process of review

1 now. I've looked at them; other folks have looked at
2 them; outside third-party people have looked at them.

3 Next week the AMP training trailer or
4 truck or whatever they have is going to be down here
5 to specifically talk to the people who are going to do
6 this work. We are going to have the factory people
7 come in and make sure that they are adequately trained,
8 both the inspectors and the electricians, before we
9 start this work again.

10 Those would apply to the first three.

11 We are going to correct, certainly, any
12 unsatisfactory terminations. In doing the butt splices
13 we also inspected the terminations associated with
14 that butt splice.

15 - We looked at the butt splice and went to
16 the end of the cable and looked at those terminations.
17 And this is added -- In looking at these terminations --
18 when we get to 1.A.4. we will discuss this a little
19 bit more, but it's added to the number that we looked
20 at under terminations.

21 We further improved our confidence in those
22 by looking at these. We found one where the white and
23 the black wire were rolled. The function was still
24 okay. It was still in contact and it still worked
25 okay, but we are going to correct that.

1 this whole effort that butt splices shall not be
2 permitted in the installation of a nuclear power plant.

3 We accepted -- At the time it was
4 determined it would have been counter-productive to
5 rip all the cables and put the new ones in to satisfy
6 the requirement.

7 I think from the standpoint of safety it
8 would be the wrong thing to do. So we had to find out,
9 see what you had there and determine if what you had
10 there had been accomplished in the right manner.

11 I think it will be -- and, again, keep
12 in mind that we only accepted what you had on a
13 limited basis, and maybe 600 may be considered to be
14 a limited basis, but I think it would be of interest
15 to all, and to you, too, is where those splices are
16 and on what kind of systems they participate.

17 To me, that's the most important safety
18 significance.

19 MR. JONES: You are exactly right, exactly
20 right.

21 MR. CALVO: Because if these splices are
22 associated with unrestricted windows, alarms or
23 associated with lights, as opposed to control signals,
24 that becomes very significant.

25 Depending on the system where that is

1 butt spliced, if it's a control system, then we are
2 going to assess in those cases whether it's worth the
3 while to have a butt splice or do something else,
4 especially in there, because of the significant impact
5 or the failure of that splice would have on the safety
6 of the plant.

7 Suppose we found a butt splice associated
8 with the diesel generators. If that one failed, we
9 could end up losing all the diesel generators. Maybe
10 we should look at those particular cases very closely.

11 If all the butt splices are associated
12 with lights and alarms, then the importance to safety
13 is not --

14 MR. JONES: They are not. No, they are
15 not.

16 MR. CALVO: So I guess what I'm getting at,
17 to put this whole butt splices in perspective, I would
18 like to know as soon as you could, maybe at the front
19 end of your plan, which circuits and which systems are
20 those splices associated with and what impact those
21 splices will have in the event of a seismic event or
22 when you challenge them against all the design basis
23 events.

24 MR. JONES: We have not identified the
25 functions of the splices which we have considered to be

1 acceptable splices. We are only doing that where we
2 have determined --

3 MR. CALVO: You may want to consider --

4 MR. JONES: We may want to consider --

5 MR. CALVO: You may want to consider that,
6 and, also, depending on the role they play to the
7 safety of the plant, you may say, "I want to handle
8 this a special way, and I can handle this in a special
9 way."

10 MR. JONES: Okay. We'll certainly
11 consider that and be glad to talk with you more on
12 that subject. Sure.

13 As I say, though, the safety significance
14 to date that we have considered has only been for
15 those where we feel that there's been a problem and
16 not where they have been acceptable.

17 But we will certainly --

18 MR. CALVO: Even the ones that you feel
19 are a hundred percent correct, you've got to put them
20 in which system, what role they play in that system
21 and what is the significance if that splice fails.

22 I guess it goes back again, when you say
23 that it had to be properly qualified for the service
24 conditions. Now, what do you have in mind there when
25 you say "service conditions"? What did you consider?

1 I'm asking the question, what things do
2 you consider when you say that you are going to be
3 sure that they are going to be qualified for the
4 service conditions?

5 MR. JONES: Primarily what we have
6 considered in qualifying for service conditions has
7 been atmosphere; that is, you know, on the accident
8 conditions, the atmosphere for them. Not its function,
9 but where it is as opposed to what it does, if you
10 follow me.

11 MR. CALVO: But I guess what we had in
12 mind when you try to qualify a piece of equipment, a
13 splice, a cable, to a service condition, the service
14 condition all the design basis events.

15 I guess one thing of interest will be
16 what happens when you shake -- if a seismic event in
17 some kind of way shakes those things up, if it will
18 come loose as a result of that.

19 This is the kind of service conditions
20 that we had in mind.

21 MR. JONES: I think that's covered under
22 qualifications, but we'll be glad to go over that
23 with you in detail. We do have the qualification
24 reports.

25 MR. CALVO: Okay.

1 MR. JONES: We will be glad to get into
2 further detail with you on that.

3 MR. BURWELL: My name is Spottswood Burwell
4 of NRC. I wonder if copies of these slides will be
5 made available.

6 MR. JONES: We are going to give them to
7 her as part of the transcript, as I understand. I
8 believe that's right.

9 Our next concern is with the -- and I think
10 we need to spend just a little bit of time talking
11 about it -- is the insufficient conductor penetration
12 depth.

13 We can't tell that from looking at it.
14 What caused the concern is the little splices are
15 translucent, and if you look with a light behind them,
16 you can see whether the insulation is seated all the
17 way.

18 You can't tell whether the conductor is
19 seated all the way, but you can see where the insulation
20 is in all the way.

21 We have found some where there's a gap
22 that shows that the insulation is not in all the way,
23 which means one of two things: Either it was stripped
24 too far back from the end of the cable or the whole
25 thing wasn't pushed in far enough before it was crimped.

1 So we have identified some of those and
2 we are going to do some testing. We are going to use
3 particularly the ones that we have to remove.

4 To date we have identified about 77 that
5 we know are going to have to come out. So we are going
6 to use those particular ones to come out; we are going
7 to run some tests on those.

8 We have identified some that have two hits.
9 They had to be removed for some other reason, and,
10 also, you can see that there's a little conductor gap.
11 These will be destructive tests.

12 We've also done some X-raying. I think
13 we are going to find that a satisfactory X-ray will
14 show us whether we've got the penetration or not. I
15 believe the guys that have done that said that it's
16 even possible to do it on the ones that are in place
17 in the control room.

18 So we are going to do further investiga-
19 tions. We are going to do some pull tests when we
20 are evaluating safety significance, for example. One
21 that has been pulled out for the wrong crimp tool,
22 for example, we are going to run pull tests on those
23 in accordance with the UL standards to see what might
24 have happened if we hadn't discovered what was wrong.

25 So we've got a small testing program that

1 we're in the process of outlining now. I think it
2 will resolve all these things and tell us exactly which
3 ones have to be removed and exactly which ones can be
4 kept and for what reason.

5 Let me summarize, not just from the
6 standpoint of butt splices, but from the standpoint
7 of our whole Program Plan that we've got here in the
8 electrical area and in the other areas, to kind of
9 reiterate to you how we got to where we are. I think
10 the butt splices is a pretty good example of this.

11 The Program Plan that governs the actions
12 that we work under, that is, that the SRT works under,
13 is shown in this as sort of an evolution of what's
14 happened to the butt splices.

15 First, there was recognition at the
16 beginning, I think, that installation should be
17 improved through retraining the electricians, through
18 retraining the inspectors, and that we needed to
19 separate the splices in accordance with the NRC's
20 guidelines.

21 We agreed that the splices need to be
22 qualified for the environment used in. We recognized
23 that the procedures need to be tightened up, both in
24 installation and for the testing procedures.

25 Stage two, as I look at it, was recognition

1 that the documentation that you guys looked at didn't
2 meet the witnessing requirements. That was just a
3 small sample, but we recognized that they didn't.

4 As a result of that, we went into a third
5 party reinspection of all these butt splices that
6 we've identified in control panels, where these splices
7 were made in these control panels. We reinspected them
8 all.

9 And we also recognized in the second phase
10 that the design drawings need to be made to match
11 correctly the as-built condition.

12 Then we went to stage three, which was
13 recognition -- that's where we are now -- that the
14 installation requirements had not been met in all
15 cases, and that there will need to be corrections of
16 immediate concerns.

17 That is, under the requirements of the
18 TUGCO program, we had to correct those immediate
19 concerns.

20 We had to evaluate the safety significance
21 of what we found, and we have to determine the need to
22 expand what we found here into other areas.

23 As part of that, also, we need to define
24 what the long-term corrective action is.

25 So this has been the three stages that

1 we have come through in this thing. Throughout this
2 whole process, what we've also recognized in addition
3 is the need to coordinate what we've found with the
4 other QA/QC concerns that have come out in subsequent
5 letters, and to maintain communication with our other
6 SRT disciplines, that is, civil, mechanical, whatever,
7 testing, so that they have access to the things that
8 we've found so that where it is applicable that they
9 can apply those lessons that we've learned to the
10 areas where they are working.

11 If there's commonality of the problems,
12 we want to know about it throughout, no matter what
13 discipline it is. It makes no difference to us.

14 We want to make sure that where we have
15 found that there is some commonality of problems,
16 that everybody understands them.

17 But I think that what we've done in this
18 is indicative of the breadth and the depth to which we
19 have gone in these action plans.

20 This is from the standpoint of finding
21 things that are wrong, kind of a bad example, but I
22 do think it gives you a better understanding of the
23 way that we are approaching these problems. That is
24 that we are not simply addressing your immediate
25 concerns you found with the TRT and putting that away

1 or fixing that immediate thing. But we want to get to
2 the root of it. We want to correct all of it. We
3 want to make it better.

4 We want to make sure that the work that
5 goes on in the future in related areas is done
6 adequately, and that where else this might apply
7 throughout the plant it is also applied.

8 I think that this particular area has
9 been a good example.

10 That concludes all I had on the butt
11 splices. We can go on to terminations.

12 MR. CALVO: I would like one more question.

13 MR. JONES: Sure.

14 MR. CALVO: Are you going to consider the
15 verification of circuit operability?

16 MR. JONES: We've looked into that, both
17 from the standpoint of -- I think the procedure is now
18 requiring conductivity checks, that is, conductivity
19 checks before put into service.

20 The operations also require -- they
21 determinate and run their own conductivity checks, in
22 addition to the function of the tests that they
23 subsequently run on those circuits after they are
24 reconnected as part of the start-up testing program.

25 MR. MARINOS: Do you mean continuity tests?

1 MR. JONES: Continuity tests, right.

2 MR. CALVO: I guess I'll just reiterate
3 what I said before. We'll be very interested,
4 everybody, in the front end of it, what circuits these
5 butt splices are associated with.

6 MR. JONES: Okay. We have not to date
7 looked at what the functions are for all 600 of those
8 circuits, as I have mentioned.

9 We will be glad to get into that and have
10 some further discussions with you about it. We have
11 not done that to date.

12 1.A.4., the title is called, "Agreement
13 Between Drawings and Field Terminations," and this is
14 selected field terminations, cable terminations were
15 looked at by the TRT and it was found in several of
16 the cases that there was not agreement between the
17 location of the terminals in the field and what was
18 shown on the drawings.

19 Our initiative in this area has been to
20 conduct a statistically based random sample of the
21 safety-related terminations in the control and cable
22 spreading room, and we have provisions there, if
23 necessary, to expand that sample based on the results.

24 To get back to what you said, Mr. Calvo, a
25 little earlier about limited to the safety related and

1 critical uses, this sample that was selected was
2 comprised of a population of -- I believe it was 3,000,
3 a little over 3,000 terminations which we had determined
4 were associated with circuits interfaced with the
5 alternate shutdown panel.

6 That is, these were critical circuits to
7 being able to shut the plant down in accident conditions
8 and to prevent the core damage that I think you had
9 previously considered.

10 So that's where this population in this
11 particular case was selected from. The number -- I'm
12 sorry, I don't have it right now, but I think slightly
13 over 3,000.

14 In this case we didn't feel like five
15 percent was adequate. In this case, statistically
16 based, 95 percent confidence that they are less than
17 one percent, that there will be less than one percent
18 errors in the entire population, based on the sample
19 that we found.

20 This required -- okay, I'm sorry. Here's
21 the numbers. Thirty-eight hundred and twelve, three
22 thousand eight hundred and twelve was the number.

23 To get the one percent required that we
24 inspect three hundred with zero rejects, zero exceptance.
25 So this was the numbers that were used.

1 MR. MARINOS: What are the expectations to
2 locate termination problems during a pre-operational
3 test? Would they expect, if you didn't look at them
4 all, that there are some wrong terminations?

5 Is the pre-operational test comprehensive
6 enough to locate those?

7 MR. JONES: I would say, and this is purely
8 opinion, Angelo, that where they are critical, there's
9 a very good expectation that they would.

10 MR. TYLER: Terry Tyler, the Comanche
11 Peak Response Team.

12 The pre-operational test program, the
13 prerequisite testing did verify the terminations,
14 circuit continuity, et cetera; and also, the logic
15 tests have been reperformed to verify total logic
16 circuitry functionality, both initially and then
17 again the second go-round of testing.

18 So to answer your question, yes, the
19 pre-op tests are very comprehensive and would pick up
20 those problems.

21 MR. JONES: So to date, what we have found,
22 we have compared these 300 terminations to the
23 drawings.

24 We have also, in doing this, looked also
25 at the crimps, the other inspection attributes, the

1 connections to the terminal blocks, whatever else you
2 can tell in an after-the-fact inspection. That is,
3 that they were identified properly, the right colors,
4 all that kind of thing.

5 We did find some minor problems, such as
6 there was some difficulty in identifying a blue
7 conductor because of the shade of what was used.

8 They identified one terminal that looked as
9 if the conductor was not inserted far enough into the
10 sleeve. However, an NCR had previously been written on
11 that and it had been covered.

12 There were a couple of drawing errors.
13 There were some spares that weren't shown on the
14 drawings, for example, and weren't tagged.

15 But in all cases, in all cases, as Terry
16 mentioned, the function of all these terminations was
17 correct.

18 In addition to that, we added the 600-plus
19 that we did under the butt-splice inspection into this
20 pot, and they are distributed not just to the interface
21 with the alternate shutdown panel, but for whatever they
22 happened to be used for.

23 We also, in conjunction, when we looked at
24 the butt splices, we looked at the terminations
25 associated with those butt splices, which tripled our

1 sample size, basically; and, again, although there
2 were some minor concerns we found -- For example,
3 in this case we found a rolled pair of leads, a black
4 wire and a white wire were rolled. They went to a
5 contact, which the function was correct.

6 We found a loose screw on one of the
7 terminations, and, also, in doing it, where it first
8 appeared that the termination did not match the
9 drawing, in fact there was a design change in progress,
10 that when it caught up to the end of the design change,
11 it actually showed the terminations as they were in
12 the field.

13 So all in all, we feel very good about
14 terminations.

15 MR. CALVO: You say you selected the
16 alternate shutdown system. The alternate shutdown
17 system, before your inspection, was that alternate
18 shutdown system checked out by the pre-operational
19 people?

20 MR. JONES: Oh, yes. I would say
21 probably, and I don't have any numbers or anything to
22 base this on, but most of these terminations, I would
23 guess, had all been checked two or three times, one
24 way or the other, before we got around to looking at
25 them.

1 I would suspect that after you looked at
2 them, that there had been a number of them reinspected,
3 for whatever reason, subsequent to the time you looked
4 at them until the time we got around to looking at
5 them, for whatever reason that there might have been.

6 MR. CALVO: So far as that system is
7 concerned, nobody is going to touch that system any
8 more? It's finished.

9 MR. JONES: Operations has to do that
10 under their maintenance procedures.

11 MR. CALVO: Okay, but as far as the
12 construction aspects, that system has been done.

13 MR. JONES: That system has been done.

14 MR. CALVO: They are not going to be
15 disturbed.

16 MR. VOGELSANG: We might have some rework
17 on the butt splices on that system.

18 MR. JONES: Right. Let me say now, if
19 there was a butt splice in that system, in accordance
20 with the procedures that they use, it would have to be
21 turned back to construction; is that right, Iven?

22 Redone by construction, turned back to
23 them, and back through their whole testing system, the
24 whole testing program again before it was found to be
25 acceptable.

1 MR. CALVO: It will be done within a
2 controlled manner.

3 MR. JONES: Yes, absolutely.

4 So we feel good about the terminations.
5 There's no question about that.

6 1.A.5. was a disposition of some noncon-
7 formance reports on vendor-installed AMP -- again, the
8 same vendor -- terminal lugs.

9 The issue that was found was that the
10 NCR's which dispositioned bent vendor-installed AMP
11 terminal lugs. That's kind of a mouthful, but the
12 vendor has installed terminals within these items of
13 equipment which had been bent or twisted.

14 The disposition -- The NCR's had either
15 been improperly dispositioned or closed.

16 Initiatives that we've taken on that --
17 and I think the problem that was found was they had
18 accepted the lugs that were bent more than 90 degrees
19 or they were twisted, and the basis for that acceptance
20 is what was in question.

21 To date, the NCR's have been redispositioned
22 in accordance with the AMP guidelines. I have talked
23 to the guy on the phone, other people have talked to
24 him on the phone, but in addition to that, we've gotten
25 your comments. I believe it was in your comments or

1 either.in the NCR, but I believe in your comments, was
2 that you would like to see a formal written AMP analysis
3 or test results or whatever that they needed to go ahead
4 and verify that.

5 So in order to go ahead and take that to
6 its conclusion, TUGCO has issued a purchase order to
7 AMP to conduct specific tests on these specific lugs
8 under these conditions that we're talking about here,
9 and to give us a written report.

10 That will cover the problem, both the
11 bending, whether to 90 or to 120, and the question of
12 twisting which -- I guess the twisting was an un-
13 fortunate selection of words. It's not exactly a twist,
14 but I would have to describe it as being bent upward
15 and to the side at the same time, more than as if you
16 went straight at it and twisted it. That's my
17 understanding of the problem.

18 AMP has that. We are expecting something
19 possibly at the end of next week from AMP on their
20 actual physical tests on these lugs.

21 At that time, what we plan to do is to
22 revise those NCR's to specifically include the results
23 from AMP when we go back out there and look at those
24 again.

25 MR. CALVO: I think the concern at the time

1 was the fact that in the NCR, there was not sufficient
2 justification in there why that thing was accepted.

3 We are saying if there was a good reason
4 for doing it this way, maybe the NCR should have
5 addressed that good reason for it.

6 That was our findings at the time.

7 MR. JONES: Yes.

8 MR. CALVO: Let me go back again, if you
9 don't mind, to the terminations again.

10 You know, you have looked at our Safety
11 Evaluation Report.

12 MR. JONES: Yes.

13 MR. CALVO: And we cited some samples in
14 here of things that we found wrong.

15 I think it would be appropriate, at least
16 from the standpoint of the public record, for you to
17 look at those things up there, whether you agree or
18 disagree, so we have some kind of way to establish
19 whether we were correct or something else has superseded
20 this, that the thing has been corrected.

21 That would be very helpful to us, to put
22 that in proper perspective for the future.

23 MR. JONES: We are doing that exact thing.
24 I have to say we don't always agree with you.

25 MR. CALVO: That's all right.

1 MR. JONES: Okay. So that is the status of
2 the AMP lugs.

3 That concludes the first part of my
4 presentation on the 1.A.'s, that is, 1.A.1. through
5 1.A.5.

6 Do you have any questions on those? If
7 you don't, I'd like to go next to the 1.B.1., 1.B.2.,
8 which are the flexible conduit to flexible conduit and
9 flexible conduit to cable separation issues.

10 Sam Martinovich from Gibbs & Hill, who is
11 the engineer who has been specifically doing the
12 analysis on this, is here with us today.

13 I would like to ask if Sam would go ahead
14 and give us his presentation on these two issues, if
15 that's okay.

16 Let's take a five-minute recess before
17 he starts.

18 (Recess taken.)

19 MR. JONES: We are about ready to start
20 again, please. Okay.

21 The next two issues that I mentioned will
22 be discussed together are the 1.B.1. and 1.B.2., which
23 are the flexible conduit to flexible conduit and
24 flexible conduit to cable separation.

25 As I mentioned before the break, the lead

1 engineer from Gibbs & Hill is Sam Martinovich, who has
2 primarily been doing the work for us on this, and I'm
3 going to ask Sam if he will address those issues for
4 us.

5 MR. MARTINOVICH: Yes. As Martin mentioned,
6 we are addressing two issues that were established
7 during the TRT audit last year.

8 Some background, during the TRT review,
9 the NRC in reviewing the internal wiring separations
10 inside the control boards, they found that flexible
11 conduit was used in some cases as a barrier where six
12 inches could not be maintained between redundant
13 safety-related or safety and non-safety-related wiring.

14 They questioned the use of this flexible
15 conduit and that gave rise to basically the issue that
16 no analysis was performed to allow the use of flexible
17 conduit as a barrier in control room panels, and that
18 where used, some flexible conduits containing these
19 redundant train cables were separated by less than one
20 inch or were actually touching.

21 That is the essence of the first issue.

22 The background to the use of the flexible
23 conduit is that it came about because of the needs
24 found during construction on certain devices on the
25 control board, namely hand switches, which required

1 cable slack in installation for removal, serviceability,
2 maintenance, adjustments; and because of that slack,
3 removal tended to change existing separation and
4 increase the likelihood of them possibly coming into
5 contact.

6 Discussions with the control board
7 manufacturer of the problem resulted in him recommend-
8 ing a cervic-air flexible conduit as a fix to be used
9 as a barrier where the separation could not be
10 maintained.

11 After also investigating with the flexible
12 conduit manufacturer the seismic qualifications of
13 the material and the environmental qualifications of
14 the material, at that point the design change was
15 implemented to use the flexible conduit.

16 The next issue, cables in control panels
17 which were in direct contact with the conduits
18 containing redundant train cables really represents a
19 construction deficiency.

20 This was not a design basis to have cables
21 installed in that manner, and that is not being
22 analyzed. That is being corrected as part of post-
23 inspection verification.

24 In response to the issues, if we can go to
25 the next slide, the initiatives taken were to provide

1 analysis which would support the use of the flexible
2 conduit as a barrier.

3 The scope of this analysis will address the
4 suitability of the flexible conduit to be used as a
5 barrier. It will consider specifically types of
6 circuits in the control board, low level control
7 instrumentation.

8 It will consider cable failure modes, with
9 emphasis on cable construction and potential for
10 electrical ignition and propagation of fire.

11 It will look at the available energy,
12 maximum short-circuit levels on these circuits.

13 It will address the over-current short-
14 circuit protection provided in the plant design.

15 And lastly, it will also take into
16 consideration the location of the panels in a
17 controlled environment, the control room.

18 Supplementing -- or as a result of the
19 analysis, we will have prepared an inspection criteria
20 for an independent third-party reinspection of the
21 panels.

22 This reinspection criteria reinforces and
23 is required to make sure that the objectives of the
24 analysis are carried out, that the design basis is
25 carried out in the installation.

1 This is a 100 percent reinspection of all
2 the panels. I guess I've really gone into the third-
3 party reinspection.

4 MR. CALVO: If you are going to perform
5 some analysis to demonstrate the adequacy of the
6 flexible conduit as a barrier, the prior slide is still
7 saying that you are going to fix those cases where
8 flexible conduit is touching each other.

9 So you say you are going to justify through
10 analysis that flexible conduit can be used as a
11 barrier, but you are still going to maintain the one-
12 inch separation between flexible conduits from
13 redundant divisions?

14 MR. MARTINOVICH: Let me clarify that.

15 The analysis is designed to establish in
16 which cases touching, for instance, would be permis-
17 sible, as opposed to cases where it may not be
18 permissible.

19 The point I made about the construction
20 deficiency has to do with exposed cables external from
21 the flexible conduit which are in contact with the flex
22 of a different train.

23 MR. CALVO: Okay. So then you are saying
24 under those conditions, also, you may prove your
25 case that --

1 MR. MARTINOVICH: May prove it's acceptable,
2 but it's not a design basis.

3 MR. MARTINOS: And the analysis would
4 include what kind of criteria for acceptability.

5 MR. MARTINOVICH: That's right. The
6 analysis contains the acceptance criteria.

7 MR. MARTINOS: What are the acceptance
8 criteria? Do you know it now? What are you going to
9 try to do?

10 MR. MARTINOVICH: Well, we've tried to
11 define --

12 MR. MARTINOS: Like you say, short circuit
13 is one analysis to see what kind of currents are
14 going to go through and whether you are going to start
15 a fire.

16 Is that one of the criterion you are going
17 to use?

18 MR. MARTINOVICH: That's correct, in
19 addition to identify insulation systems which are not
20 combustible, in which case the potential for fire
21 propagation does not exist.

22 MR. CALVO: How are you going to convey
23 that message to the craft personnel or the people who
24 are going to do the next?

25 It's okay for the ones that you already

1 have built, but how are you going to convey that
2 message for future work that you are going to do?

3 In this case you are going to do it this
4 way, and in the other case you are going to do it
5 this way? Do you intend to do it that way?

6 MR. MARTINOVICH: We intend to incorporate
7 all the details provided in the inspection criteria on
8 construction drawings. All of the necessary clarifica-
9 tions which may not have existed prior, okay, we will
10 now be sure that the subtleties are on the drawings.

11 MR. MARTINOS: Well, in order for us to
12 give you constructive comments with regard to your
13 analysis, it will be given us as a plan and we can
14 make a comment on the plan.

15 When you talk analysis, if we don't know
16 more specifically what the analysis will include in
17 terms of criteria --

18 MR. CALVO: We know the analysis will
19 include -- it will be in accordance with IEEE 384;
20 it will require that testing must be performed.

21 MR. MARTINOS: Well, that's one thing he
22 did not specify.

23 MR. MARTINOVICH: Yeah, I'm coming to that.

24 MR. MARTINOS: Okay.

25 MR. MARTINOVICH: Any questions on that?

1 MR. MARTINOS: Go ahead.

2 MR. MARTINOVICH: Okay. That brings us to
3 the summary of results.

4 As I mentioned, the analysis has established
5 what separation is required for various types of
6 circuits utilizing flexible conduit, where the flexible
7 conduit is a suitable barrier; and it also specifically
8 identifies where it may not be acceptable to use as a
9 barrier.

10 That criteria has been incorporated in a
11 written inspection criteria from which the reinspection
12 procedures have been written.

13 The reinspection is currently in progress.
14 Approximately 50 percent of the panels involved have
15 already been inspected.

16 Now, in answer to your question, a physical
17 test is in the works, and the objectives of this
18 test will be to address the heat transit characteristics
19 of the cable and conduit assembly, to address the
20 integrity of the conduit under short-circuit conditions,
21 which we feel are the major hazards from adjacent
22 trains.

23 All of these activities currently are
24 well underway. The third-party independent review is
25 underway. The analysis itself.

1 As I mentioned, the inspection is 50 percent
2 complete and the test procedures are being developed,
3 and we hope to have the whole thing wrapped up in the
4 next few weeks.

5 MR. CALVO: Okay. What is confusing me is
6 that you are going to perform this test. Let's say
7 that you demonstrate the acceptability of the flexible
8 conduit as a barrier.

9 You still may recommend that in some
10 cases conduits can touch or conduits cannot touch?

11 MR. MARTINOVICH: That's absolutely
12 correct. We have incorporated in the inspection
13 criteria what I feel is a very -- more stringent
14 criteria than is probably required.

15 MR. CALVO: Also, my impression is that
16 it's going to be a very complex criteria. You inform
17 the craft personnel working in this panel here, in
18 this case you can have those conduits touching each
19 other, but in the other panel next to each other, in
20 here for whatever other reason we had, now there they
21 cannot touch each other.

22 So it looks to me like continuous attention
23 will be given when you start these things up for
24 somebody who understands what needs to be done and
25 what is different.

1 You gave a criteria that was simple and
2 straightforward, one-inch separation between acceptable
3 cables inside conduit.

4 Now you are saying in this case it's okay
5 and in the next case it's not okay. When we talked to
6 some of the craft personnel who were here, they had
7 trouble trying to understand that one. Now, on top
8 of that one, you put in some variations to that one.

9 I still don't see how can you -- where you
10 determine flexible conduit is acceptable as a barrier,
11 what prompts you in some cases to have one option and
12 in other cases to have another option?

13 MR. MARTINOVICH: Well, we have tried to
14 minimize these options. The cases in which -- Don't
15 misunderstand.

16 The cases in which we are saying that it
17 may not be acceptable represent a relatively small
18 number of cases.

19 MR. MARTINOS: Are you dealing only with
20 already-installed systems, or are you going to be -- I
21 guess this is where this confusion is.

22 What criteria are you going to be using
23 for later, for future installations? Are you merely
24 dealing now with what's there to find justification or
25 do whatever modification is required based on some

1 criteria you have developed? Is that what it is?

2 MR. CALVO: Well, not only for the present,
3 I'm saying maybe also for the future.

4 MR. MARTINOS: Well, that's what I was --
5 But I think he's dealing now with what he's got. He
6 wants to make an assessment of the adequacy of what
7 you've got now; is that correct?

8 MR. MARTINOVICH: Well, that had to be
9 done. That was the first issue which had to be
10 addressed; and, of course, that has been done.

11 Consideration also has been given to the
12 future in terms of -- again, I go back to the inspection
13 criteria.

14 This was critically reviewed from that
15 perspective, that it should not be something so
16 complex that it could not be carried out or understood.

17 MR. CALVO: Why can't you consider while
18 you are doing this test, doing a test for the worst-
19 case condition, worst-case condition where the conduits
20 are touching each other.

21 If you prove the point with that test, you
22 have no options. Then you say either touch or don't
23 touch; it doesn't make any difference, because the tests
24 have shown that.

25 Then the question is, if you have not

1 proved your point, then it is something that you worry
2 about.

3 So I am wondering whether they are touching
4 or whether they are within one-quarter of an inch or
5 one-eighth of an inch, from the standpoint of independent
6 party review whether that is acceptable or not.

7 You see what worries us?

8 MR. MARINOS: Minimize your options. Just
9 look at the worst-case and if that's acceptable, you
10 can apply this across the board.

11 MR. CALVO: You are saying to me that you
12 are going to come up with a test and this test may not
13 be exhaustive enough to prove the worst-case condition,
14 and that's when the conduit is touching each other.

15 I'm looking at it from an independent party
16 looking at that. Unless you tell me while you are
17 in there that you are coming up with an option; are
18 you coming to that?

19 MR. MARTINOVICH: Well, that is a
20 consideration. It is something that we would like
21 the test to also conclude, and that is certainly
22 something we will try to establish, is a worst-case
23 condition.

24 All I was saying is that it was not our
25 intent to use this test as a vehicle for requiring

1 essentially no separation in the control board.

2 It is our feeling that separation should
3 always be maximized unless it's absolutely impossible;
4 and in keeping with that philosophy, we do not plan --
5 at least I don't believe we intend to use the test as
6 this type of vehicle, just to change criteria.

7 MR. MARTINOS: To change criteria.

8 MR. CALVO: But again, you are going to --

9 MR. MARTINOVICH: But again, you may well
10 conclude --

11 MR. CALVO: -- justify those where you are not
12 meeting the criteria, based on that test.

13 MR. MARTINOVICH: That may well happen,
14 that those on which we require more separation may turn
15 out that they don't require that separation.

16 I don't know that we will relax that
17 requirement. That's something that we have to
18 consider.

19 MR. JONES: We will certainly give it
20 every consideration. I agree with what you are
21 saying.

22 MR. MARTINOVICH: It is from a philosophical
23 point of view, you know, if we can do something, we try
24 to do it.

25 MR. CALVO: But I feel we are beyond the

1 philosophical point of view at this time. We are try-
2 ing to come up with a design that is adequate and can
3 be implemented in a more simple way.

4 The reason you are where you are today is
5 because of the requirement, the people could not
6 understand why you could do things this way or the
7 other way.

8 As a result of that, you violated the
9 criteria without having an acceptable barrier, just
10 flexible conduit.

11 It appears to me that without knowing more
12 about your plan, that maybe you are leading to another
13 set of criteria on top of the complex one that you
14 have now that is going to make things difficult to
15 control.

16 That's all my fear is on.

17 MR. JONES: Well, we will certainly, in
18 doing these, give that every consideration; and
19 certainly, if there is any way that we feel that based
20 on the test or based on the analysis that we can
21 simplify the separation criteria, the drawings,
22 details, or whatever, of the criteria that there are,
23 I think certainly that will be one of the goals that
24 we will be looking toward doing.

25 MR. MARTINOVICH: One point I haven't

1 mentioned is that we have also worked closely with the
2 people who are doing inspection in going over the
3 procedure with them in short training sessions, to
4 make sure that they are -- question-and-answer type
5 sessions to make sure there is a clear understanding
6 and to get this type of feedback from them where they
7 feel something is too cumbersome or complex to
8 implement.

9 This has also been done.

10 MR. CALVO: Okay. The other thing, again
11 like before, we would be very interested to know in
12 those cases where the separation is not being met,
13 we also would like, if you could consider, identify
14 those systems to see which systems they involve, so
15 we can assess together the importance of that system to
16 the plant safety.

17 MR. JONES: You mean as they are going
18 through the inspection?

19 MR. CALVO: Well, you've got some conduits
20 today that you say if you made the installation that
21 is one inch -- if you prove that the flexible conduit
22 is acceptable as a barrier, and then you go back and
23 in most all the cases the flexible conduit from
24 redundant trains are separated by one inch, we are not
25 going to worry about those.

1 The ones that are touching each other,
2 under these options that you have, we'd like to know
3 which ones are those so we can assess the importance to
4 safety of those systems.

5 When we are deviating from established
6 criteria, we like to know, even though you have proved
7 your case, we like to know what systems they are.

8 Are those cables associated within the
9 control, and if control, what system was that? Was
10 that a very important system or was it a secondary
11 system.

12 MR. MARTINOVICH: The analysis actually
13 will document each and every case, specifically each
14 and every case in which touching of conduits is
15 permissible.

16 MR. CALVO: Okay.

17 MR. MARTINOVICH: So it will not be --

18 MR. MARTINOS: The circuit will be made,
19 also, then?

20 MR. MARTINOVICH: That's correct. That
21 has been done.

22 MR. CALVO: So in the identification,
23 maybe you should also consider the assessment, your
24 assessment of the importance of that circuit to the
25 system and that system to the plant safety.

1 MR. JONES: That has not been done to date.

2 MR. MARTINOVICH: No.

3 MR. MARTINOS: When you say you are going
4 to identify the circuit, you say it's at the decay heat
5 removal control system? You will be saying that?

6 MR. MARTINOVICH: I'm sorry, it's what?

7 MR. MARTINOS: A decay heat removal, RHR
8 system or whatever.

9 MR. MARTINOVICH: Yes -- That information
10 would not readily be available.

11 MR. MARTINOS: How would you identify it
12 then on the circuitboard?

13 MR. MARTINOVICH: They are identified by
14 the associated channel numbers assigned, which are
15 traceable to a system.

16 I mean, it could readily be found out.
17 It's just not as presently structured, you wouldn't
18 know unless you --

19 MR. MARTINOS: When you say "channel,"
20 you mean Train A or Train B or --

21 MR. MARTINOVICH: No, no. A tag number
22 and the cable number.

23 MR. MARTINOS: That would not mean
24 anything to us.

25 MR. MARTINOVICH: I know.

1 MR. MARTINOS: That would not be useful
2 for us to make an evaluation independent from you.

3 MR. CALVO: We are expecting for you to
4 consider performing an evaluation and indicate the
5 importance on that particular case with respect to the
6 safety of the plant.

7 Again, this goes back again, your general
8 plan says that you are going to come up with the
9 safety significance of the findings. We'd like to know
10 either you correct the deficiencies or when you are
11 justifying the deficiencies, you've got to indicate
12 the impact on the safety of the plant and, I guess,
13 maybe one way to do it among many ways, associate
14 that particular deficiency to the system and then
15 what the role of that system plays on the safety of
16 the plant, and then your assessment of the importance
17 of that.

18 That's something when we are reviewing
19 your plan, that's something we'll be asking for.

20 MR. MARTINOS: If it's a support system
21 circuit, it would have a certain impact. If it's a
22 direct safety system for an actuation of a protective
23 action, then it would have a different impact.

24 That goes for the splices, too; that was
25 pointed out to you earlier.

1 MR. JONES: We to date have not done that,
2 nor had we planned to do that from that standpoint.
3 We will consider that and talk with you further on
4 that subject on both of them.

5 MR. MARTINOS: It should not be a very
6 great effort to identify from the wiring diagrams,
7 somehow you should be able to tell --

8 MR. MARTINOVICH: No, it's not difficult
9 at all.

10 MR. MARTINOS: -- what that circuit does,
11 and identify it.

12 MR. JONES: Like I say, we have not done
13 that yet.

14 MR. MARTINOVICH: We just haven't provided
15 that kind of records.

16 Now, on 1.B.3., this issue, "Conduit to
17 Cable Tray Separation," originated as a result of,
18 again, during the TRT NRC review of a Gibbs & Hill
19 drawing that was made to provide separation criteria
20 for plant construction.

21 The drawing -- And the design basis on
22 the project is -- the guidelines are IEEE 387, 1974, and
23 Reg. Guide 1.75, Rev. 1.

24 NRC did note on the drawing, however, that
25 it contained details of separation between conduits to

1 conduits, conduits to open trays, which are not ex-
2 plicitly shown in the IEEE Standard or Reg. Guide.

3 We advised NRC that these were based
4 somewhat on a visual presentation of the wording of
5 the standard as interpreted by us that an analysis
6 had been made in various instances where a cable tray/
7 conduit separation was not clear, or there was a
8 potential for some misreading of the standard.

9 NRC's position was that this separation
10 analysis had not been evaluated by them.

11 The action was to retrieve this analysis,
12 as the slide indicates, update it -- not really update
13 it; it was modified for presentation for a third-party
14 reviewer who is currently reviewing this analysis.

15 Once we resolve any -- if there are any
16 comments and necessary design reviews, this will be
17 made available to NRC for their formal review.

18 Some of the examples -- The drawings
19 address items such as non-clasp on the conduit to an
20 adjacent safety-related tray.

21 MR. CALVO: If I remember correctly, you
22 had conduits over open cable trays, and you indicated
23 that there was one inch between them, and you indicated
24 that you had performed an analysis that indicated it
25 was not part of the actual 384. 384 would allow it to

1 do that, you indicated, and it was a difference of
2 opinion on that.

3 MR. MARTINOVICH: The wording in the
4 standard identifies "reduced separation is permissible
5 when you have an acceptable barrier," and I think it's
6 generally agreed upon that rigid conduit is a suitable
7 barrier.

8 But the issue here was an open tray and
9 the conduit, and the interpretation made was that if
10 the conduit enclosed a non-safety circuit, the intent
11 of the standard was not to protect the non-safety
12 circuit.

13 So that conduit acted as a barrier for
14 anything away from it, outside of it, and the detail
15 itself was not shown in the standard, but we feel
16 that --

17 MR. CALVO: But the intent was there.

18 MR. MARTINOVICH: The intent was there.

19 MR. CALVO: And I guess you, within the
20 context of the standard, you are allowed to do that
21 unless you can prove by analysis the fact that no
22 single event can result in compromising the safety.

23 MR. MARTINOVICH: That's right. The analysis
24 really just discusses the event and provides the logic
25 used for permitting that type of design.

1 MR. CALVO: But as you know, in all the
2 analysis required to justify the adequacy of installa-
3 tion, testing must be included.

4 In the analysis you are proposing, some
5 testing was done; do you show that?

6 MR. MARTINOVICH: The analysis was
7 substantiated for all the details in which the cable
8 tray and conduit were involved.

9 The various separation distances were
10 supported by tests conducted by Sandia.

11 MR. CALVO: All right. So your independent
12 party who is going to look at this is going to
13 correlate with the Sandia test that was done and will
14 relate these back to the installation in Comanche Peak
15 and establish that it's applicable.

16 MR. MARTINOVICH: I hope.

17 MR. CALVO: What I'm saying, I am hoping
18 that that's the responsibility --

19 MR. JONES: That is the intent, yes.

20 MR. CALVO: Okay.

21 MR. MARTINOVICH: That's all I have to say
22 on that unless there's any other questions.

23 MR. JONES: Thank you, Sam.

24 The last item is 1.B.4., and that was
25 concerned with -- There were two minor violations

1 of the control panel separation criteria that were found
2 during the TRT. These were actual physical violations
3 that were found.

4 One of them was a field wire cable, the
5 separation between that cable and a switch module; and
6 the fact that a rigid barrier, one of the boards that
7 was bolted into the board had been removed, and I
8 believe it was lying at the bottom of the board or
9 close thereby when you found it.

10 The status of this is that the NCR's,
11 nonconformance reports were written and dispositioned
12 to correct that particular problem.

13 In concurrence with this inspection, and I
14 think it was in some of the comments that you gave to
15 us as well, the inspections being done under Sam's
16 1.B.1. and 1.B.2. for the conduit separations, we are
17 also looking as part of that at whether other barriers
18 have been moved or there are other things of this
19 nature that are found.

20 So this will give us a much -- throughout
21 the boards, 100 percent throughout the boards to find
22 areas where this similar-type thing may have occurred
23 as well so we can correct that.

24 In addition to that, and into looking into
25 the circumstances around that, it was, at least to me,

1 indeterminate as to who had done what. I mean, the
2 barrier was removed, but there was no way to tell who
3 had done it or for what reasons.

4 It could have been any number; construction
5 could have done it as part of their installation.

6 It's possible that operations needed to
7 remove it to calibrate an instrument, for example, or
8 for some other reason. But it's pretty much indeterminate
9 as to who has done what specifically.

10 But I don't think that's the important
11 part. I think the important thing is that what we
12 wanted to do is make sure that that doesn't happen
13 again, either from a construction standpoint, if they
14 have to make a modification, or from the operations
15 standpoint, if they have to for any reason remove a
16 barrier or violate any separation criteria that's set
17 forth in the standards, that when they are through with
18 that work, that they have to restore those separations
19 to the criteria that's been established.

20 So in doing that, we've been discussing
21 this with the operations people. As far as their
22 maintenance procedures go, they are going to revise
23 those procedures so that they recognize the separation
24 criteria just in the same manner that construction
25 people have to recognize the separation criteria.

1 They are in the process of doing that now.
2 We will be reviewing that.

3 In going toward this, we are beginning to
4 write up a final report on this and we hope it will be
5 out of the way fairly soon on that particular item.

6 (Whereupon, the written
7 handouts relating to the slides shown
8 follow.)

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- I.A.1 HEAT SHRINKABLE CABLE INSULATION SLEEVES
- I.A.2 INSPECTION REPORTS ON BUTT SPLICES
- I.A.3 BUTT SPLICE QUALIFICATION
- I.A.4 AGREEMENT BETWEEN DRAWINGS AND FIELD TERMINATIONS
- I.A.5 NCR's ON VENDOR INSTALLED AMP TERMINAL LUGS

- I.B.1 FLEXIBLE CONDUIT TO FLEXIBLE CONDUIT SEPARATION
- I.B.2 FLEXIBLE CONDUIT TO CABLE SEPARATION
- I.B.3 CONDUIT TO CABLE TRAY SEPARATION
- I.B.4 BARRIER REMOVAL

ITEM I.A.1 - NUCLEAR HEAT - SHRINKABLE CABLE INSULATION SLEEVES

ISSUE: QC INSPECTORS LACK OF AWARENESS TO WITNESS NUCLEAR
HEAT SHRINK INSTALLATION

INITIATIVE: • CONDUCT RANDOM SAMPLE OF HEAT SHRINK INSPECTION
DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY WITNESSING AND PROPER
DOCUMENTATION OF INSTALLATION.

• EXPAND SAMPLE PROGRAM TO PHYSICAL REINSPECTION
IF APPROPRIATE

STATUS: • PHASE 1 60 RECORDS THIRD PARTY REVIEWED - 1 REJECT
• PHASE 2 35 ADDITIONAL RECORDS BEING THIRD PARTY
REVIEWED - NO UNDOCUMENTED SPLICES

TRT CONCERNS WITH
BUTT SPLICES

1. THAT INSPECTION REPORTS DID NOT INDICATE THAT THE REQUIRED WITNESSING OF SPLICE INSTALLATION WAS DONE.
2. THAT DRAWINGS DID NOT REFLECT THE LOCATION OF ALL BUTT SPLICES.
3. THAT THE BUTT SPLICES WERE NOT QUALIFIED FOR THE SERVICE CONDITIONS.
4. THAT BUTT SPLICES WERE NOT STAGGERED SO AS TO NOT TOUCH EACH OTHER.
5. THAT THERE WAS A LACK OF PROVISIONS IN THE INSTALLATION PROCEDURES TO VERIFY THE OPERABILITY OF THE SPLICED CIRCUITS.

BUTT SPLICES IN CONTROL PANELS
INITIATIVES

PHASE 1

- RETRAIN CABLES TO PREVENT SPLICES FROM TOUCHING ONE ANOTHER
- REVISE PROCEDURES FOR TIGHTER CONTROL
- QUALIFY BUTT-SPLICE SLEEVES FOR SERVICE CONDITIONS
- REVIEW ADDITIONAL INSPECTION REPORTS FOR SPLICE WITNESSING

PHASE 2

- THIRD PARTY INSPECTION OF BUTT SPLICES IN PANELS
- UPDATE AND CORRECT DESIGN DOCUMENTS
- CORRECT HARDWARE DEFICIENCIES
- THIRD PARTY REVIEW OF ALL INSPECTION REPORTS

BUTT SPLICES IN CONTROL PANELS

STATUS

- PHASE 2 INSPECTIONS COMPLETE IN CONTROL AND CABLE SPREADING ROOMS
- CORRECTION OF HARDWARE DEFICIENCIES BEGUN
- DOCUMENTATION REVIEW BEGUN
- OTHER BUTT SPLICES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR INSPECTION

BUTT SPLICES IN CONTROL PANELS
INITIATIVES

PHASE 3

- EVALUATE SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE
- DETERMINE NEED TO INVESTIGATE RELATED AREAS
- DETERMINE ROOT CAUSE AND QA/QC IMPLICATIONS
- TAKE LONG TERM CORRECTIVE ACTION

CONCERN MATRIX

CONCERN	CORRECTIVE ACTION	
WRONG CRIMP TOOL USED	REPLACE	REVISE PROCEDURES RETRAIN ELECTRICIANS
WIRE STRANDS CURLED	REPLACE	REVISE PROCEDURES RETRAIN ELECTRICIANS
INSULATION SPLIT OR IMPROPER HEAT SHRINK	REPLACE	SAME AS ABOVE
UNSATISFACTORY TERMINATIONS	CORRECT	ISOLATED - NO LONG TERM ACTION REQUIRED
INSPECTIONS INADEQUATE	CHECK TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS	REVISE PROCEDURES RETRAIN INSPECTORS
INSUFFICIENT CONDUCTOR PENETRATION	CONDUCT TESTS ON REMOVED CONDUCTORS	REINSPECT AND/OR REPLACE
ALL CONCERNS	DETERMINE SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE THROUGH TESTS AND/OR REVIEW OF FUNCTION	ESTABLISH ROOT CAUSES AND LINK TO QA/QC CONCERNS

I.A.4 AGREEMENT BETWEEN DRAWINGS AND FIELD TERMINATIONS

ISSUE: SELECTED CABLE TERMINATIONS WERE FOUND NOT TO
 AGREE WITH DESIGN DRAWINGS

INITIATIVE: • CONDUCT STATISTICALLY BASED RANDOM SAMPLE OF
 SAFETY-RELATED TERMINATIONS IN CONTROL
 ROOM AND CABLE SPREADING ROOM

 • EXPAND SAMPLE IF NECESSARY BASED ON RESULTS

STATUS: • INSPECTION OF 300 TERMINATIONS COMPLETE
 • NO TERMINATION OF ERRORS DISCOVERED
 • 1 DRAFTING ERROR DISCOVERED - NO SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE
 • BUTT-SPLICE PHYSICAL INSPECTION ALSO INCLUDED
 TERMINATION INSPECTION
 - 572 TERMINATIONS INSPECTED
 1 PAIR ROLLED LEADS (NO FUNCTIONAL PROBLEM)
 1 LOOSE TERMINATION

I.A.5 DISPOSITION OF NCR's ON VENDOR INSTALLED AMP TERMINAL LUGS

ISSUE: NCR's DISPOSITIONING BENT VENDOR INSTALLED AMP
TERMINAL LUGS WERE IMPROPERLY CLOSED.

INITIATIVES: •NCR's REDISPOSITIONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AMP
GUIDANCE ON BENT TERMINAL LUGS.

•AMP PERFORMING ENGINEERING EVALUATION OF BENT LUGS

STATUS: ANTICIPATE RESULTS FROM AMP BY FEBRUARY 18

FLEXIBLE CONDUIT AND CABLE
SEPARATION IN CONTROL ROOM PANELS

ISSUES

- NO ANALYSIS WAS PERFORMED TO ALLOW USE OF FLEXIBLE CONDUIT AS A BARRIER IN CONTROL ROOM PANELS.
- SOME FLEXIBLE CONDUITS CONTAINING REDUNDANT TRAIN CABLES WERE SEPARATED BY LESS THAN INCH OR WERE TOUCHING.
- CABLES IN CONTROL PANELS WERE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH CONDUITS CONTAINING REDUNDANT TRAIN CABLES.

FLEXIBLE CONDUIT AND CABLE
SEPARATION IN CONTROL ROOM PANELS

INITIATIVES

- PROVIDE ANALYSIS FOR THE USE OF FLEXIBLE CONDUIT
- PROVIDE INSPECTION CRITERIA FOR THIRD PARTY REINSPECTION OF PANELS
- THIRD PARTY REINSPECTION OF PANELS

FLEXIBLE CONDUIT AND CABLE
SEPARATION IN CONTROL ROOM PANELS

STATUS

- DRAFT ANALYSIS BEING REVIEWED BY THIRD PARTY CONSULTANT
- INSPECTION CRITERIA HAS BEEN PROVIDED AND REINSPECTION PROCEDURES WRITTEN
- PHYSICAL TEST OF CABLE AND FLEXIBLE CONDUIT UNDER CONSIDERATION

ITEM 1.B.3 CONDUIT TO CABLE TRAY SEPARATION

ISSUE: EXISTING GIBBS AND HILL SEPARATIONS ANALYSIS
 HAD NOT BEEN EVALUATED BY NRC

INITIATIVE: •GIBBS AND HILL RETRIEVED AND UPDATED SEPARATIONS
 ANALYSIS

 •ANALYSIS BEING REVIEWED BY A THIRD PARTY FOR
 ADEQUACY

 •ANALYSIS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO NRC ONCE THROUGH
 REVIEW CYCLE

STATUS: THIRD PARTY REVIEW COMPLETE AND COMMENTS BEING
 RECONCILED WITH GIBBS & HILL

ITEM 1.B.4 BARRIER REMOVAL

ISSUE: TWO SEPARATIONS VIOLATIONS WERE DISCOVERED BY TRT

- CABLE TO SWITCH MODULE
- RIGID BARRIER REMOVED

INITIATIVES: • NCR'S ISSUED FOR EACH VIOLATION

- VIOLATIONS CORRECTED
- CORRECTION VERIFIED BY THIRD PARTY
- REVIEWING CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS PROCEDURES
TO MAKE SURE THESE PROBLEMS DON'T RECUR

STATUS: REVIEWING PROCEDURES AND WRITING REPORT

1 MR. JONES: That was the last of the items
2 we had, and I would like to take just a minute, if I
3 could, and summarize what we have done today.

4 I think this is a fairly good review of
5 what we've done today, and particularly, I hope you
6 have gotten from us what I've tried to get across to
7 you, the approach we're taking to all these things.

8 It's not just fix that particular item
9 that is of concern, but we are looking at it from a
10 broader standpoint. We are not only interested in
11 that item, but we are interested in what was the root
12 cause of the problem and we are interested in
13 implications in other areas, generic implications.

14 We are interested in seeing that what we
15 have learned from here applies to future work that
16 we are doing in Unit 2 or other work in Unit 1; and
17 that we are willing to go to whatever lengths are
18 needed to make sure that all these objectives are
19 accomplished, so that not only you are satisfied when
20 we are finished, but that we are satisfied when we
21 are finished with it, too, and that is important to us.

22 We are making really, I think, good
23 progress on this. We have problems with the butt
24 splices.

25 I think I would say to you today that from

1 what we've seen of that problem that we've got now,
2 we have fairly well circumscribed that problem.

3 But in the other areas we are making good
4 progress. We expect that it's not going to be very
5 much longer before we can put to rest all of them,
6 and that in the end you will be satisfied as well as
7 we will be satisfied.

8 Are there any other questions?

9 MR. CALVO: I guess it goes back to what
10 I've been saying. It appears that the plan that you
11 have, the presentation, that you are going in the
12 right direction; but I still am looking at it from the
13 standpoint of the significance of the findings with
14 respect to the safety of the plant.

15 It looks like you are leaving those to
16 the end and I sure would like to know what they are
17 first and know the significance. Then knowing that
18 and the risk to the plant, we can assess whether the
19 plan that you are proposing is adequate.

20 I mean for those cases where we are
21 justifying exceptions of a system practice, of a system
22 regulations. You say, "Well, we didn't do it this way,
23 but now we have something here that is as good as."

24 I would like to know, to determine whether
25 the substitutions are adequate, I would like to know

1 the significance of the findings as they relate to
2 the systems and the importance of the systems to the
3 plant safety.

4 Depending on the importance, I can assess
5 whether the plan is going in the right direction to
6 take care of these things for these systems and these
7 things for the other systems.

8 So I think you should consider that as
9 maybe guiding what your plans should be, so it is
10 something that it is your plan that you are preparing,
11 trying to find out -- if it sounds okay, if it's
12 consistent with what we have found out.

13 This is the only thing that I have found.
14 You end up doing it, but I am just wondering if it
15 should not be at the bottom, but maybe you should
16 consider to put it more at the top, because I think
17 you can put it in proper perspective, and it has not
18 been put in proper perspective yet.

19 This is the only comment that I have.

20 MR. MARTINOS: I have no more comments.

21 MR. CALVO: Does anyone else?

22 MR. JONES: That concludes our presenta-
23 tion.

24 MR. CALVO: Before I close, I forgot about
25 a couple of things.

1 Another electrical issue brought up by the
2 electrical and instrumentation group was the one with
3 the QC inspectors.

4 MR. JONES: Yes. There are other issues,
5 too, that were brought up under the electrical. The
6 cable tray supports or conduit supports, those are
7 covered by other group leaders.

8 The QA/QC is another, training --

9 MR. CALVO: Yes. The QC inspector training
10 and requalification. You said those are covered under
11 the QA/QC --

12 MR. JONES: Under the QA/QC team leader,
13 which is excluded from our particular part of this
14 program.

15 MR. CALVO: There is also another item
16 that is in the SER and maybe you can tell me how you
17 are going to cover this one.

18 It was not in the September 18 letter. It
19 has to do with the conduit supports and it was the
20 use of the procedures by the craft personnel, where they
21 were not using these procedures.

22 MR. JONES: Installation procedures?

23 MR. CALVO: That is right.

24 MR. JONES: Right. I noticed that when the
25 SER came out as well, and we brought it up with some

1 of the support people in our group; but to the best of
2 my knowledge, that's not been assigned to anyone
3 specifically yet.

4 But we are aware that that's in there, that
5 it is not in the original letter.

6 MR. CALVO: I can't think of any others.
7 That was the only one, plus the QC electrical training.

8 MR. JONES: That's covered by John Hansell.

9 MR. CALVO: We will most probably have to
10 come back at that time. I guess it's going to be a
11 joint effort, maybe, between QA/QC and the electrical
12 instrumentation group, because there was an SER.

13 That's all I have. We wanted to bring that
14 to your attention.

15 Thank you very much for your presentation.

16 MR. JONES: Thank you.

17 MR. CALVO: Excuse me. I guess maybe the
18 question should be directed to the audience, if they
19 have anything to say, anything to add, any comments?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. CALVO: The record indicates there are
22 no comments, so we'll close.

23 (Whereupon, at 10:45 a.m., the
24 meeting was concluded.)

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