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MEMORANDUM FOR: Region III Files: Callaway
THRU: Charles E. Norelius, Assistant to the Director ^{5/22/79}
FROM: James Foster, Investigation Specialist
SUBJECT: CONTACTS ON MAY 1, 1979

On May 1, 1979, at approximately 8:40 p.m., I contacted [redacted] regarding a phone call which he and [redacted] had made to Mr. Thornburg, IE:HQ. [redacted] was the individual contacted during the course of an earlier IE investigation (Report No. 50-483/78-04, April 1978).

[redacted] indicated that he is now employed by the firm of Research Cottrell, which is constructing the hyperbolic cooling towers at the Callaway Unit 1 site. He stated that on April 30, 1979, a concrete pour for a ring beam took place without proper pre-cleaning of the concrete forms. He indicated that large amounts of mud were still in the forms when the concrete was poured, and that the mud was pushed ahead of the concrete as it was poured. He stated that the mud finally accumulated to the point that it was ten to twelve inches deep, and that a workman (and union steward), Mr. Earl Cosman pointed the problem out to Research Cottrell and Union Electric personnel. [redacted] indicated that the concrete pour was then stopped, and pumps were utilized to pump water and mud out of the forms. However, [redacted] stated that he did not feel that much of the mud was actually removed from the forms during this operation, only some of the water.

[redacted] indicated that at approximately 3:15 p.m. (usual quitting time?) there was approximately one hour's work yet to be performed. He indicated that two men had previously been assigned to watch reinforcement bars to assure that they were not moved during concrete placement, and the Project Superintendent for Research Cottrell ordered them to stake reinforcement bars in the concrete as well. He stated that the union steward felt that the men could not observe reinforcement bars and stake bars at the same time, and argued over the number of workmen needed for the overtime hours. The argument grew heated, and the Project Superintendent fired the union steward.

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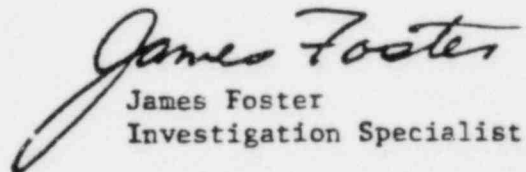
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I advised [REDACTED] that the hyperbolic cooling towers were not nuclear safety-related structures, and that the NRC could not take official action on deficiencies in their construction. I indicated that RIII would advise the licensee of the problems observed by [REDACTED] on an informal basis, so that they can take action as they feel appropriate.

I also noted that the NRC could not intervene in the labor-management dispute between the union steward and Research Cottrell, but that the union did have that right. [REDACTED] indicated that he understood that the cooling towers were not safety-related, and would appreciate if we would pass his information along to the licensee.

I contacted [REDACTED] following this conversation. [REDACTED] refused to provide any information, and indicated that he was not interested in providing anyone in RIII with information.


James Foster
Investigation Specialist

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I have information that I wish to provide in confidence to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). I request an express pledge of confidentiality as a condition of providing this information to the NRC. I will not provide this information voluntarily to the NRC without such confidentiality being extended to me.

It is my understanding, consistent with its legal obligations, the NRC, by agreeing to this confidentiality, will adhere to the following conditions:

- (1) The NRC will not identify me by name or personal identifier in any NRC initiated document, conversation, or communication released to the public which relates directly to the information provided by me. I understand the term "public release" to encompass any distribution outside of the NRC with the exception of other public agencies which may require this information in furtherance of their responsibilities under law or public trust.
- (2) The NRC will disclose my identity within the NRC only to the extent required for the conduct of NRC related activities.
- (3) During the course of the inquiry or investigation the NRC will also make every effort consistent with the investigative needs of the Commission to avoid actions which would clearly be expected to result in the disclosure of my identity to persons subsequently contacted by the NRC. At a later stage I understand that even though the NRC will make every reasonable effort to protect my identity, my identification could be compelled by orders or subpoenas issued by courts of law, hearing boards, or similar legal entities. In such cases, the basis for granting this promise of confidentiality and any other relevant facts will be communicated to the authority ordering the disclosure in an effort to maintain my confidentiality. If this effort proves unsuccessful, a representative of the NRC will attempt to inform me of any such action before disclosing my identity.

I also understand that the NRC will consider me to have waived my right to confidentiality if I take any action that may be reasonably expected to disclose my identity. I further understand that the NRC will consider me to have waived my rights to confidentiality if I provide (or have previously provided) information to any other party that contradicts the information that I provided to the NRC or if circumstances indicate that I am intentionally providing false information to the NRC.

Other Conditions: (if any)

TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW WILL NOT BE FURNISHED TO LICENSEE OR CONTRACTORS, UNLESS ORDERED BY COMPETENT AUTHORITY (e.g. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION, DISCOVERY MOTION, SUBPOENA)

I have read and fully understand the contents of this agreement. I agree with its provisions.

Date [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Signature of source of information
Typed or Printed Name and Address

Agreed to on behalf of the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

6/12/84
Date
Revision 1

[Signature]
CHARLES H. WELLS, INVESTIGATION & COMPLIANCE SUPERVISOR
Signature
Typed or Printed Name and Title

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