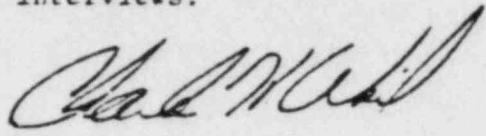


December 16, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: R. C. Knop, Chief, Projects Branch 1
W. S. Little, Chief, Engineering Branch 2
FROM: C. H. Weil, Investigation and Allegation Coordinator
SUBJECT: CURRENT ALLEGATIONS AT PERRY

On November 29, 1983, you requested that I interview several alleged
involving the Perry Nuclear Power Plant. Enclosed for your information/action
are three memoranda concerning those interviews.



Charles H. Weil
Investigation and
Allegation Coordinator

Enclosures: As stated

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INTERVIEW MEMORANDUM

(ATS: R111-83-A-0108)

On November 30, 1983, Richard Wade (formerly employed as a quality control inspector for Johnson Controls, Inc. at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant) was interviewed by R111 Electrical Inspectors Z. Falevits and K. R. Naidu. They were later joined by R111 Electrical Inspector E. Christnot and R111 Investigation and Allegation Coordinator C. H. Weil. The majority of the interview was documented by Falevits in a memorandum to R111 files, except for the following areas which were assigned to the Investigation and Allegation Coordinator for documentation.

During the course of the interview it was learned that Wade had an unlicensed Puetrone (phonetic spelling) gauge in his possession. Wade described this instrument as a pipe wall thickness gauge containing a 100mg, radium 226 source. Wade stated the radiation level of the open gauge was 300mR/Hr at 3' and 900mR/Hr at 3' closed. Wade further advised the gauge was stored beneath his

It was not clear as to how Wade took possession of the gauge. He either obtained the gauge from a Sun Oil Company refinery in Puerto Rico or from All Metals, a nondestructive testing firm in Toledo, Ohio. This information was provided to R111 Radiation Specialist W. H. Reichhold and R111 Materials Radiation Protection Section Chief D. J. Sreniawski for coordination with the State of Ohio Department of Public Health.

Wade stated he had contacted the Department of Labor (DOL) about his firing from Johnson Controls. Wade stated he had used the DOL points-of-contact provided by Falevits (reference: Regional Procedure 1460, Working Arrangements for Implementing the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Labor). Wade continued, the DOL people at the Chicago telephone number informed him that DOL only investigated complaints of age, race or sex discrimination and gave him a telephone number to call in Cleveland, Ohio to register his employment termination discrimination complaint. Wade advised he called the Cleveland number and found it had been disconnected. Wade further advised he also call the DOL Washington number provided by Falevits and was told that DOL was only concerned with age, race or sex discrimination.

On December 2, 1983, A. Bert Davis, R111 Deputy Regional Administrator, was informed of the above information. Subsequently, Davis, Weil and W. H. Schultz, R111 Enforcement Coordinator, telephoned Richard A. McMahon, DOL Assistant Regional Administrator and the DOL point-of-contact listed in Regional Procedure No. 1460. McMahon was informed of Wade's information.

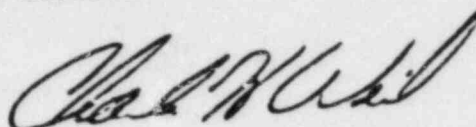
McMahon accepted Wade's complaint of employment termination discrimination for DOL investigation.

On December 1, 1983, the attached newspaper article appeared in the Lake County, Ohio News Herald.

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Enclosure 1

On December 15, 1983, Materials and Safeguards Branch Chief W. L. Axelson advised that the State of Ohio Department of Public Health had obtained a search warrant for Wade's _____ at the above address. The state officials had located that gauge, but for legal reason(s) were unable to confiscate it. Also, the state officials learned that Wade had moved to _____ The State of Ohio had contacted the State Police for assistance in this matter.



Charles H. Weil
Investigation and
Allegation Coordinator

Attachment: Newspaper Article

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Inspector says bad welds OK'd Perry plant

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... inspector at the North Perry
... nuclear power plant told federal
... last night he approved thousands of
... welds that could lead to a serious
... of the plant.
... Wade, 48, of Madison Township,
... he and other workers were given the
... to dozens of tests that had to be
... before the men were certified as
...
... with U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
... officials at Country Inn in
... to tell of gross safety and security
... and widespread corruption at the
... Wade, who has been an inspector for
... at various nuclear power plants
... the country, was fired for
... "responsibility" 16 days ago from
... Controls Co., a major contractor at
...
... for the Cleveland Electric
... Co., which is building the \$5.2
... plant, said Wade's allegations will be
... but faulted him for not coming
... with the complaints.
... a moral obligation, if he was
... of these concerns, to report them to
... authorities," said CEI
... Glenn W. Heffner Jr. "Why
... he come forward before?"
... he said he didn't come forward for
... losing his job, which he began Oct. 4.
... you ever raise a question on
... him, you're done, you're finished, the
... day," Wade said.
... the following allegations
... interviews with the News-Herald
... and after his meeting with the NRC:

Workers "overwelded" thousands of
joints on a hydraulic piping system that
pushes control rods into a nuclear reactor.
More than twice the needed metal was used
in the welds, so the piping is excessively
stressed and could break, "which could lead
to a total meltdown." A meltdown is an
uncontrolled nuclear reaction that actually
melts the core of a nuclear reactor,
generating deadly levels of radiation.

Before he and others took certification
tests to become inspectors, Johnson officials
gave them answer sheets, hoping to certify
inspectors who could not recognize faulty
construction. Last night, Wade gave the
NRC officials some 20 pages of answer
sheets that contained hundreds of answers to
test questions.

Workers for Johnson and other con-
tractors are routinely paid for many hours
they don't work and days they don't show
up at the plant. When they do work, they
create intentional, costly construction delays
in an effort to prolong their jobs, which will
be eliminated when the plant is complete.

Security at the plant is appallingly bad,
especially in comparison to nuclear plants
Wade has worked at in Michigan,
Louisiana, New Hampshire and New
Jersey. "Anybody can walk into Perry,"
Wade said. "Nobody knows who's in that
plant and who's out of that plant."

Heffner said any bad welds would
probably have been noticed during a recent,
extensive inspection in which the NRC OK'd
8,000 welds throughout the plant. Heffner
also defended the plant's security system.

Jack Bushnell, Johnson's project manager
at the plant, said, "If there's anyone passing
out answer sheets I'm sure we'll find out
about it and dismiss any person involved."

Concerning the allegations of pay without
work, Bushnell said, "Our policy is to work
people and get eight hours work for eight
hours pay."

NRC spokesman Jan Strasma said Wade
is the latest in a "rash" of quality control
inspectors who have come forward in recent
weeks with grave complaints about the
plant. The former inspectors, which include
several from Comstock, are being in-
terviewed this week by three NRC reactor
inspectors who arrived in Lake County from
Chicago Tuesday, Strasma said. They are
not expected to comment on the issue for at
least two weeks.

"If there is some sort of violation
involved, we will take the appropriate
action," Strasma said. "As far as whether
guys are loafing on the job, that's not our
jurisdiction."

Wade began working at the plant for
\$15.57 an hour. He said he thinks he was
fired for raising too many questions at the
plant. He said he was told he did not get
along with his bosses and fellow workers.

To: Russ Maribeto
Chuck Weil

From: Max Gildner

Subject: Alleged
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