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REPORT OF INQUIRY

SUBJECT: COMANCHE PEAK STEAM ELECTRIC STATION:
ALLEGED IMPROPER CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES

REPORT NUMBER: 04-84-016

1. On February 28, 1984, the Region IV OI Field Office received a telephone call from Scott SEAHORN, a former Brown & Root, Inc., electrician at Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station (CPSES). SEAHORN claimed he was in possession of documents, photographs and tape recordings containing enough information to close down CPSES with regard to improper construction practices. SEAHORN agreed to provide specific information during personal interview, and agreed to meet with Region IV OI Field Office on February 29, 1984. SEAHORN related that he worked for Brown & Root for about 4 years and was terminated by Brown & Root, Inc., on February 20, 1984.

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2. Results of Interview with [redacted]

3. On February 29, 1984, SEAHORN was interviewed by NRC Investigators Richard K. ERB and Wendel E. FROST at [redacted] Results of Interview with SEAHORN is included with this Report of Inquiry as Exhibit (2).

4. SEAHORN provided the following information during his interview:

(a) SEAHORN's first major concern related to the possible damage of stainless steel rods, approximately 15 feet in length and 2½ inches in diameter, that are located in the upper internals behind a missel shield in the core of the nuclear reactor in the Reactor Building. SEAHORN claimed that two of the stainless steel bars had been bent out of shape approximately 1 foot from the ends during an accident with either a fork lift or a crane. SEAHORN alleged that the bars had been pulled back into shape by placing a rope from the crane, and that the damage had never been properly reported or documented.

(b) SEAHORN's second concern involved cracks in the concrete pad at the bottom of the reactor core.

[illegible] located [illegible] of the reactor vessel. [illegible]

F. On March 1, 1984, the [illegible] issues stemming from Scott SEAHORN's [illegible] were identified to Region IV [illegible]. Region IV informed the OI Field Office that problems with the polar crane and the problems with cracking in the concrete below the reactor vessel were old issues that the NRC had addressed previously in inspection reports. Region IV however did request an immediate inspection of the possibility of having damaged stainless steel bars located in the upper internals of the reactor vessel. Subsequently, an inspection was performed by Region IV personnel to determine if any damage existed. A visual inspection resulted in no damage being observed, and information received from the resident site inspectors indicated that this also had been an old issue that the NRC had previously addressed. An incident involving damage to the upper internals had previously been reported by the utility and properly repaired and dispositioned. Findings of the inspection conducted by Region IV personnel are located in the Monthly Regional Inspector's Report for the month of March 1984. Due to the fact that the three technical allegations steaming from the SEAHORN interview have been properly addressed by Region IV, this inquiry is CLOSED.

Exhibit (1) Results of Interview with (Wassel LEWIS, Ph.D., M.D. 2-29-84)
Exhibit (2) Results of Interview with Scott SEAHORN 2-29-84

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END OF RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

SIGNATURE: Wendell E. Frost

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EXHIBIT (1)

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On [redacted], 1984, Scott SEAHORN, [redacted] employed by Brown & Root, Inc., at Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station (CPSES), was interviewed at [redacted] by Investigators Richard L. LITT and Wendel E. FROST. SEAHORN stated that he had been employed as an electrician for Brown & Root at CPSES for about 4 years and was terminated on February 20, 1984. SEAHORN related that he had become afraid for his life because he had refused to include employees of Brown & Root in a construction project in which he was building log cabins for sale. SEAHORN related that he had [redacted] at the site in order to protect himself from Brown & Root employees.

SEAHORN was especially afraid of Charlie BRITT, Superintendent, Brown & Root. BRITT had previously come to SEAHORN's home selling life insurance. SEAHORN believed that if he did not buy life insurance from Charlie BRITT, that he would lose his job at CPSES. SEAHORN was also fearful of Charlie BRITT because SEAHORN had been involved in the theft of electrical equipment and tools from Brown & Root with BRITT's knowledge. SEAHORN related how [redacted]

SEAHORN's main technical concerns involved the following three areas:

(a) SEAHORN's first major concern related to damage to 10 foot long, 2½ inch stainless steel bars located in the upper internals in the reactor vessel located in the Reactor Building. SEAHORN was concerned that two of the stainless steel bars have been bent 1 foot from the top with either a fork lift or crane. SEAHORN contended that a rope had been placed on the stainless steel bars and pulled by the crane in order to straighten it. SEAHORN related that no record of the work was ever completed in order to show that the damage had been done.

EXHIBIT (2)

(2) [illegible] cement under the reactor vessel of the Reactor Building.

(3) [illegible] the crane located on top of the reactor vessel. SEAHORN was unable to [illegible] when the polar crane [illegible] which [illegible] the [illegible] reactor in that area. SEAHORN also related that testune cables located on the polar crane were defective because they contained broken internal wires.

SEAHORN was unable to furnish detailed information involving names, dates or places. SEAHORN's information was only of a general nature. SEAHORN had previously indicated he had obtained documents, photographs and tape recordings that could close CPSES down. SEAHORN, however, refused release any documents, photographs or tape recordings to investigators. SEAHORN contended that he was in possession of such evidence; however, he refused to turn any evidence over to the Office of Investigations or reveal the hidden location of the evidence.

END OF RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH SCOTT SEAHORN ON FEBRUARY 23, 1984.

SIGNATURE: Wendell E. Frost

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