



NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS FIELD OFFICE, REGION IV
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REPORT OF INQUIRY

March 13, 1984

SUBJECT: COMANCHE PEAK STEAM ELECTRIC STATION:
ALLEGED INTIMIDATION OF BALANCE OF PLANT INSPECTOR

REPORT NUMBER: Q4-84-011

1. On August 24, 1983, Arvill (JR) DILLINGHAM, a former Brown & Root, Inc., boilermaker supervisor at the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station (CPSSES) was interviewed by NPC Investigators H. Brooks GRIFFIN and Richard K. HERR in Glen Rose, Texas, in conjunction with an investigation (4-84-006). DILLINGHAM stated he started work at CPSSES in 1975 and continued working as a boilermaker until September 1, 1982, when he left employment with Brown & Root of his own accord. DILLINGHAM stated he was given a choice by Brown & Root of returning to the craft or being included in a "reduction of force" (ROF). DILLINGHAM stated his leaving Brown & Root was related to his having made allegations concerning improper construction practices to Brown & Root management in Houston, Texas. DILLINGHAM's testimony was recorded by an NRC contract court reporting service, and a transcript of his testimony is included with this report as Exhibit (1).
2. As part of his allegations, DILLINGHAM alleged that in 1979 or 1980 a balance of plant (BOP) inspector at CPSSES by the name of "BARBEE" (DARBY) was intimidated into accepting deficient work. DILLINGHAM alleged that DARBY inspected the fabrication and factory welds on the condenser in Unit II and rejected all the welds. DILLINGHAM stated that as a result of DARBY's rejection of the welds, a craft superintendent named CALLICUT placed pressure on DARBY, and that DARBY subsequently accepted all the welds on the condenser. DILLINGHAM further alleged that following this incident, DARBY and members of his inspection crew no longer left their offices to perform their welding inspections. DILLINGHAM stated he had heard from other employees (not further identified) that DARBY later had difficulties of some kind and transferred to Quality Control. DILLINGHAM stated that to his knowledge, the inspection work done on the condenser was considered nonquality work.
3. On February 29, 1984, Robert W. DARBY, a Field Verification Engineer at the Clinton Power Station near Clinton, Illinois, was interviewed by NRC Investigator H. Brooks GRIFFIN. DARBY's testimony was recorded in the form of a signed, sworn statement and is included with this report as Exhibit (2). DARBY stated he is employed by National Inspections and

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provided to the Region IV staff for evaluation and review on September 7, 1983, relative to 4-83-006. DARBY's statement, Exhibit (2), is provided to the Region IV staff for their information.

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w/Exhibit (2)
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NOTE

Exhibit (1), the transcript of the 8/27/83 interview of Annell DILLINGHAM, is not appended to this Report of Inquiry since it was previously provided to the ASLB as Attachment (2) of Report of Investigation 4-84-006.