

STATEMENT

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DATE: 2-29-84

I, Robert W. Darby, hereby make the following voluntary statement to H. Brooks GRIFFIN who has identified himself to me as an Investigator with the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I make this statement freely with no threats or promises of reward having been made to me.

I am presently employed as a Field Verification Engineer at the Clinton Power Station. I work <sup>RWD 2-29-84</sup> for National Inspections and Consultants out of Ft. Meyers, Florida, and have been at Clinton for about 3 weeks. I worked at the Comanche Peak Steam Electric <sup>RWD 2-29-84</sup> Station from December 4, 1977 until October 11, 1982. For the first year and eight months, I worked as a welding engineer technician (BOP). I spent the rest of my employment at Comanche Peak as a QC inspector.

I recall inspecting the welds on the Unit II condenser <sup>RWD 2-29-84</sup> in 1979 along with BOP inspectors Gary Ray and a man named "Bill". I was working on the night shift, and I remember we wrote visual reports rejecting many of the fabrication and factory welds on the condenser for under cut, slag, and build-up. I remember that the welders and fitters complained to us about rejecting the welds.

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I remember it took the craft about 2 or 3 weeks to complete the repair of the welds. I conducted most of the re inspections of the welds and subsequently accepted them on visual reports.

I was never contacted by any supervisors complaining about my initial rejection of the welds. Nobody intimidated me or attempted to intimidate me into accepting the welds. To my knowledge, nobody intimidated or attempted to intimidate Gary Ray or "Bill" into accepting these welds. These welds were reinspected after the repairs were made.

Mr. Griffin has read to me the allegation made by "J R" Dillingham about this incident. Dillingham's statements about my accepting the welds as a result of pressure from supervisors is untrue. I also strongly deny ever having accepted welds without physically performing the inspections including the reinspection in this

I took this to mean I would be terminated. I took the test and failed it. Baker said he did not need me anymore and I left. I was ~~hired~~ transferred on the same day to Quality Control.

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I have read the foregoing statement consisting of 4 handwritten/~~typed~~ pages. I have made and initialed any necessary corrections, and have signed my name in ink in the margin of each page. I swear that the foregoing statement is true and correct. Signed on 2-29-84 at \_\_\_\_\_.

Samuel W. Darby  
(SIGNATURE: TYPED OR PRINTED)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of February, 1984, at \_\_\_\_\_

INVESTIGATOR: H. Parks  
(NAME: TYPED OR PRINTED)

WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME & TITLE: TYPED OR PRINTED)

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