UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

INTERVIEW

OF

CHARLES THOMAS BRANDT

Conference Room No. 2 Visitors Information Center Texas Utility Generating Company P. O. Box 2300 Glen Rose, Texas 76043

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The interview commenced, pursuant to notice, at 1:25 p.m.

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MR. GRIFFIN: For the record, this is an interview of Thomas Brandt, B-r-a-n-d-t, who is employed by Ebasco Services Corporation.

The location of this interview is the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station near Glen Rose, Texas.

present at this interview are Thomas Brandt for Ebasco, McNeill watkins, attorney for Debevoise and Lieberman, Donald D. Driskill and myself H. Brooks Griffin.

The subject of my questions to you, Tom, will be regarding coatings records and instances of intimidation that have been alleged.

fom, if you would please rise. I am going to swear you to the contents of your testimony. Whereupon,

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having been first duly sworn by Investigator Griffin, was examined and testified as follows:

MR. wATKINS: Mr. Brandt, do you have anything to say for the record before we start?

THE WITNESS: Yes. No. 1, I think that the mode of this investigation or interview or whatever you want to call it is a little bit out of the ordinary in the fact that it has never been done in this fashion before to my

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knowledge in my three and a half years nere and the fact that it is a sworn statement and there is a court reporter present, and on this very same investigation "X" number of inspectors were interviewed in a fashion unlike this.

MR. GRIFFIN: Would you like an explanation, Tom?

THE WITNESS: Yes.

MR. GRIFFIN: The NRC Office of Investigations has not made an official policy, but is operating under a belief that in instances where employees of companies retain attorneys or request attorneys or in instances where individuals that we interview request attorneys, or it say in the case of as an example, an alleger wants to make a statement to the NRC with an intervenor present, we have decided within the Office of Investigations to use court reporting services so that the flavor as well as the content of the interviews will be captured and those parties interested within the NRC and without and in the case of you being interviewed, you would be supplied a copy of the transcript, will have an opportunity to recount the exact questions and answers and this will not be lost and it will not be subject to interpretation.

we are trying to make it as exact and as accurate as we possibly can and it allows us as the investigators the freedom to pose our questions and

prepare our questions without having to take notes and preparing a written sta ement afterwards.

So it makes it easier for us. We capture the exact flavor of what we said and there can be no doubt. It removes all doubt or almost all doubt, and for these potentially auversarial or conflicting situations where somebody might object or have objections to a proceeding, we have just used this as a tool to expedite our investigations, our interviews and to get a more accurate picture of what was said and what the testimony of the person is.

THE WITNESS: which of the circumstances you have outlined is present here?

MR. GRIFFIN: The presence of an attorney.

THE WITNESS: No one here requested an attorney until you snowed up with a court reporter.

MR. GRIFFIN: I have a further explanation for that. Tom has been interviewed by the NRC before and he has given a statement to the NRC before, a signed sworn statement, which from our point of view is pretty much the same as having a sworn testimony before a court reporter. The last time Tom was interviewed, he declined I believe to give a statement. Is that correct, Tom?

THE WITNESS: That is right.

MR. GRIFFIN: So we chose to have a court

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reporter in this instance because there was going to be an attorney present and we knew that that was going to take place

Statement if he doesn't want to and he doesn't have to be interviewed here today, but it is more to our liking and it satisfies our purposes if we have every reason to believe that the testimony received is understood clearly between all parties involved and that the interviewee is obligated and bound to the truth through the swearing process. So we use this tool to expedite our interviews.

THE WITNESS: That has never been an issue, Brocks. I explained to you last time exactly what my hesitancy with the sworn statement was.

MR. GRIFFIN: kight. I understand.

THE WITNESS: The only -- I won't go any further. To give it to you just in a nutshell, I was asked last week I think if I wished to have an attorney present and I said no, but when you showed up in the fashion that you have, I have no intentions of talking to you without an attorney present.

MR. GRIFFIN: Well, when did you make that decision, Tom, this morning?

THE WITNESS: No.

MR. GRIFFIN: When we arrived?

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THE WITNESS: When you arrived.

MR. GRIFFIN: when we arrived to talk to

Curley?

THE WITNESS: when you arrived to talk to Curley and he explained briefly the process that he went through.

MR. GRIFFIN: Well, see, if it was just me talking to you or Don talking to you or even both of us talking to you over in your office, there would be no court reporter or lawyer present. That is the way we normally do it and that is the way we like to do it, but if we are getting other parties involved and if there is a question as to what was said or how it was understood, we find that a court reporting service eliminates that problem.

THE WITNESS: That is fine.

MR. DRISKILL: Just let me interject one thing. The topic came up during the course of the investigation, gosh, it has been September I believe, the topic came up of interviewing Gordon Purdy, yourself and Ron Tolson, and we were told at that time that we may have to wait a couple of days for some attorneys to come in, giving us the clear indication at that particular point in time with respect to the Dunham issue that the three of you would prefer to have attorneys present.

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We didn't ask each one of you, and I don't even believe you were on the site on that occasion.

THE WITNESS: Is that when you interviewed the inspectors with Rice?

MR. DRISKILL: Yes.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

MR. DRISKILL: we were given that indication. So we let Rice come back and do his thing and I don't know whether he had attorneys. I don't really know anything about what nappened.

THE WITNESS: Let me explain my bottom line concern. We are nere trying to do a job, as you guys are. You know, everypody has got a job to do. There are 400-plus QC inspectors out there that see the NRC come in with the Department of Labor and conduct a joint investigation of the Dunham thing as kind of a causual type investigation going. You asked for certain people and we went out and found them and brought them in.

Now the inspectors know, due to word of mouth, if nothing else, about this investigation. They know for a fact that when the Department of Labor came back to talk to management, it was the Department of Labor alone and they proceeded on, with skepticism I guess is the best word to use, the fact that you interviewed all the inspection personall as a joint investigation in a casual

environment, but yet when you come back to talk to the supervisory personnel and management personnel, it is a separate investigation and it is a much bigger deal. You come in with court reporters, swearing in and the whole pit.

MR. GRIFFIN: The swearing goes with our statement taking, whether it is sworn that way or the other way, and the court reporting service, if that is intimidating or if that disturbs anybody, that is not our purpose at all. It is not supposed to make this a more formal proceeding.

THE WITNESS: I understand that, Brooks. All I am saying is the perception that it gives 400 people out there that we are trying to manage and head in a straight dirction.

Well, I personally do not see it MR. GRIFFIN: the same way. I understand now ---

THE WITNESS: I am not saying I see it that way. I am just telling you the way they see it.

MR. GRIFFIN: Okay.

THE WITNESS: They perceive it as a much bigger deal, like, on God, they are after Brandt, Tolson, Purdy and Krisher.

MR. GRIFFIN: we are never after anytody. We investigate and try to reconstruct the facts as they

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occurred, and this is just simply a tool that we use. If somebody reads something as this being more critical or as this being damning to QC representives, then I think they just misrepresent what we intend.

THE WITNESS: I can hear you saying that, Brooks, but there is no ---

Mk. GRIFFIN: We can't back up because we are liable to offend these 400 QC inspectors.

THE WITNESS: No, it is not offending them. I think it would make, you know, I am not saying my job, but anybody, put yourself in my position or Ron Tolson's position or Purdy's position. You know, by the hoopla, for lack of a better term, that is being shown or demonstrated over management interviews as opposed to line inspector interviews ---

MR. GRIFFIN: Well, the distinction is that in line inspector interviews they don't have their attorneys present, and in this instance ---

THE WITNESS: The line inspectors were offered attorneys when they were interviewed, and in this instance ---

MR. GRIFFIN: Well, I am not familiar with the particular situation that you are talking about, but when I interview inspectors on site, when I just casually call them in and solicit whatever information they have in the

area that I am investigating, I don't have a VP for the utility over in Dallas calling us and saying we are going to have attorneys down there. Now when you mention attorneys and we know attorneys are going to be there, expect to see court reporters because that is the way the

THE WITNESS: I understand that, Brooks. I have no personal problem with it. Don't get me wrong. I will be glad to have the interview done on national television. I don't care.

Office of Investigations is going to do it so that there

(Laughter.)

can be no doubt as to what was said.

All I am saying is you are you are casting a snadow or doubt I think without warrant over the situation.

MR. GRIFFIN: Well, that is not our intent at all, and I frankly to not believe that that is the case.

Now you have your own opinion on that. We have not announced our coming down nere. The people that know about this are the people you work for and the client managers in Dallas. Now we haven't made an announcement and nobody knows we are nere.

THE WITNESS: Well, let me tell you now the troops know.

MR. GRIFFIN: Okay.

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1 THE WITNESS: The other day Curley Krisher was gone from his office and was unreachable for four hours 3 and people ask where he is. Well, he is with the NRC. 4 MR. GRIFFIN: And is there anything unusual 5 about that? All of you are subject to be interviewed by 6 the NRC on a repeated basis. THE WITNESS: I am getting quite use to it. 8 MR. GRIFFIN: We are remote from your office 9 and we don't have you nailed down to a chair or handcuffed 10 and you are not hanging from the wall. 11 (Laughter.) 12 We are up here in what I consider a fairly 13 remote place. 14 The WITNESS: I agree. 15 MR. GRIFFIN: We originally wanted to have this 16 done at TUDCO corporate headquarters in Dalias, and that 17 would have been fine, too, or any other place. You all are 18 the ones that decided where and to a certain degree when. 19 If we can go of: the record a moment, I have 20 got to take a phone call. 21 (Short recess.) MR. GRIFFIN: Back on the record. 23 You said you have some more statements. 24 THE WITNESS: Yes, I have two requests. No. 1,

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I do formally request confidentiality of the transcript in

light of what has already happened in another similar investigation. MR. GRIFFIN: You request confidentiality? THE WITNESS: Yes, of the transcript. 5 MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. Now let me tell you what we 6 do with the transcript. We mail you a copy. Now are you referring to how we use it or the dissemination within the 8 NRC? 9 THE WITNESS: No. I am talking about external 10 to the NRC. 11 12 to your nome address a copy. 13

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MR. GRIFFIN: Only you get a copy. We mail you

THE WITNESS: That is all I am requesting, because if it can't be that way I am going to have problems talking about individuals in light of the potential civil action that can occur as a result of the labor suit. I have been down this road once.

MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. Well, you are not talking about confidentiality in the same way that if we would go out and we would talk to an alleger or a witness who wants to give information because I presume you plan to discuss your testimony with other members, not only your attorney, but with other members of the community.

MR. WATKINS: Pernaps I can help. By confidentiality in terms of your treatment of the

Tom, that it not be disclosed to the Department of Labor or any representative of the Department of Labor, that it not be disclosed to any member of the public under the freedom of Information Act in response to a Freedom of Information Act in response to a Freedom of Information Act request, not that the substance of Mr. Brandt's testimony be disclosed whether via the transcript or questions from you to any member of the QC inspection program here, and there is a reason for that, a management reason for that.

It is difficult enough to supervise the troops as it is without having the NRC, yourselves or somebody else within the NRC go to an inspector and say Mr. Brandt told us this about you and would you care to comment.

MR. GRIFFIN: There is another of putting that.

You could say on such and such a date did you attend a

meeting in which you said this, and if Mr. Brandt was the

one that told us ---

particularly, as I said when we were off the record, I believe, in light of the pending DOL investigation, which you chose, at least with my interview with the DOL not to protect it, in the event that the same event happens with this investigation as opposed to a Section 210 complaint that happened in the Atchison 210 complaint in that it was

introduced in a public hearing unsanitized, and the complainant's attorney had copies of my privileged statement to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and I object to that.

MR. DRISKILL: Okay. For the record, let me respond by stating that we can accept your request for confidentiality. However, there are certain provisions which relate to that, one of which is if we receive a court subpoena for your testimony, we will have to provide it.

I am not sure that either Brooks or I have the right to commit NRC to not providing investigative information, even to include confidential information, to another government agency conducting an investigation into an area.

MR. GRIFFIN: Under the parameters that you have set. In some areas confidentiality is quite clear. I will tell you what we can do. We can go off the record and we can explore it a little further and make sure we have a clear understanding of exactly what limitations you want on your testimony and then we can research whether we can abide by that. If we can, then we can proceed.

We will go off the record.

(Snort recess.)

MR. GRIFFIN: we will go back on the record.

15 Do you have anything else ---2 THE WITNESS: I have one other request. I would 3 like a copy of the transcript. 4 MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. I don't recall whether it 5 was on the record or off, Tom, out you indicated earlier 6 that until you learned that a court reporter was to be used here you had not specifically or you had not planned 8 to retain an attorney or have an attorney present; is that 9 true? 10 THE WITNESS: That is true. 11 MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. And you say your reason for 12 wanting an attorney was the fact that it was to be 13 reported under oatn? 14 THE WITNESS: Richt. 15 MR. GRIFFIN: Could you tell me when you made 16 the decision to have an attorney present? 17 The wirness: can I ask a question? 18 MR. GRIFFIA: Sure. 19 The WITNESS: when was Kirsher interviewed? 20 MR. DRISKILL: Monday afternoon. 21 THE WITNESS: It was that evening.

MR. GRIFFIN: That evening?

The wirness: That evening, about 6 o'clock

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MR. GRIFFIN: Had anybody spoken to you prior

to that time about having an attorney with you? THE WITNESS: In the NRC investigation? 3 MR. GRIFFIN: No, in this instance for this 4 interview. 5 THE WITNESS: I had been asked it I was going 6 to use an attorney by Ron Tolson sometime last week, if I was going to request that an attorney be present and my 8 answer was no. MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. So nobody instructed you 10 that you would have an attorney and that that attorney 11 would be a TUGCO attorney? 12 THE WITNESS: Absolutely not. 13 MR. GRIFFIN: Or a Brown and Root attorney? 14 THE WITNESS: Absolutely not. 15 MR. GRIFFIN: EDasco, I presume, does not have 16 any policy that requires you to have an attorney? 17 THE WITNESS: That is correct. Ebasco's policy 18 is that an attorney will be made available if requested. 19 MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. Last week when the NRC 20 contacted with Clements at TUGCO, he indicated to us that 21 all three of you would have an attorney. Now did you discuss this with Clements or any of his representatives 23 and thereby state that you didn't want an attorney? 24 The WiTness: I have not discussed this

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investigation with Mr. Clements at all. I was asked by, as

I said, Ron Tolson who reports to Mr. Clements one level removed, if I wished to have an attorney present during 3 the investigation, and I stated at that point no. 4 MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. Inen when you found out on 5 Monday evening of the form in which Krisner was 6 interviewed, you decided you wanted an attorney? The WITNESS: That is right. 8 MR. GRIFFIN: How did you decide which attorney 9 you wanted? 10 THE witness: It has been customary, if 11 requested, that the utility provide an attorney. That was 12 discussed both in NRC investigations and Department of 13 Labor investigations in a three-way discussion between 14 Texas Utility, Ebasco's legal department and myself. 15 MR. GRIFFIN: So when did you realize Mr. 16 watkins was going to be your personal representative? 17 THE WITNESS: Tuesday sometime. 18 MR. GRIFFIN: Did you choose Mr. Watkins for 19 expediency in that he was going to be representing Gordon 20 Purdy and I presume Mr. Tolson? 21 THE WITNESS: Mr. Watkins meets with my 20 approval is that is the question. 23 MR. GRIFFIN: Have you ever met Mr. Watkins 24 before or talked to nim?

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THE WITNESS: Yes, I have.

1	MR. GRIFFIN: On other inquiries?
2	THE WITNESS: On other inquiries, yes.
3	MR. GRIFFIT: Okay.
4	Mr. Watkins, is it correct to say that you are
5	nere today representing Tom Brandt as his personal
6	representative?
7	MR. WATKINS: For purposes of this interview,
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9	MR. GRIFFIN: Although it has been stated
10	percre, would you restate who else you represent or who
11	else your firm represents in this matter?
12	MR. WATKINS: In this investigation?
13	MR. GRIFFIN: In relation to Comanche Peak. I
14	mean be more specific.
15	MR. WATKINS: Debevoise and Liberman represents
16	10300 in the NRC licensing proceedings. It also represents
17	Brown and Root in the Department of Labor Dunham case.
18	MR. GRIFFIN: All right. And you say that your
19	firm does not formally represent Ebasco in any manner?
20	MR. WATKINS: Not to my knowledge.
21	MR. GRIFFIN: In this instance you are employed
22	by TUGCO then and you are representing Mr. Brandt as his
23	personal representative?
24	MR. wATKINS: I am not employed by TUGCO.
25	MR. GRIFFIN: You are employed by Brown and

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MR. WASKINS: I am employed by Depevoise and Liberman, a partnership, and I am here for Mr. Brandt for purposes of this interview.

MR. GRIFFIN: Your law firm then, who is their client in this matter?

MR. WATKINS: The firm nas many clients.

MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. In this matter though, do they have many clients in this matter?

MR. WATKINS: At this moment as I sit here in this room speaking to you, Mr. Brandt is my client.

MR. GRIFFIN: Is Mr. Brandt paying you?

MR. WATKINS: That is information to which you are not entitled.

MR. GRIFFIN: Oxay. Well, let me restate that then. I am trying to rind out it you have been retained as it appears on the surface by TUGCO to represent employees who work for various contractors and subcontractors in penalf of Tugco.

MR. WATKINS: Mr. Griffin, I personally have done very little, if any, work for TUGCO in my entire career, and my firm, as I say, several lawyers in my firm represent TUGCO in the NRC licensing proceeding. I personally am working for Brown and Root in the Dunnam Department of Labor case, and right now I am representing

Tom Brandt in this interview for purposes of this interview. MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. Well, the reason I put this question to you is that last week I was in telephone 5 contact with Nick Reynolds who is also a member of your firm I belive. MR. WATKINS: Yes, he is one of my law 8 partners. MR. GRIFFIN: And Mr. Reynolds indicated that a 10 TUGCO attorney would be down here or an attorney from the 11 firm. I am just trying to snow for the record the relation 12 of who at Comanche Peak employs your firm. 13 MR. WATKINS: well, as I have stated, TUGCO is 14 a client of the firm and Brown and Root is a client of the 15 firm. I have said that twice and I don't think it can be 16 any more clear. 17 MR. GRIFFIN: In this case, for the purposes of 18 today, you are also a client of Mr. Brandt's? 19 MR. WATKINS: No. Mr. Brandt is a client of 20 ours. 21 MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. Again, Mr. Watkins, if a potential conflict of interest should arise between Brown 23 and Root and the interests of Mr. Brandt, how would you 24 address that?

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MR. WATKINS: If by your questions or any of

1 Mr. Brandt's answers a potential or a natural conflict of interest emerges, I will ask for a recess and I will 3 discuss the matter with Mr. Brandt. MR. GRIFFIN: Mr. Brandt, then Mr. watkins 5 represents you freely and voluntarily of your own 6 choosing? THE WITNESS: Right. 8 MR. GKIFFIN: Well, let's proceed then with the 0 questioning, if that is agreeable to both of you all. 10 MR. WATKINS: Fine. 11 The witness: Okay. 12 MR. GRIFFIN: Tom, I am going to be going into 13 a variety of areas. Some of them are ones that you have 14 addressed on numerous occasions before. So for the 15 purposes of the ongoing investigations, I am going to be 16 covering some old ground for you. 17 BY MR. GRIFFIN: 18 Do you recall an incident in March of 1982 in 19 which Charles Atchison wrote an NCR on vendor welds in the 20 pressurizer tank in Unit 1? Do you recall that NCR? 21

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At that time in March of 1962 I was unaware that Mr. Atchison had ever written an NCR on the welds in the 524 pressurizer tank room.

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I had seen a sketch in March of 1982 which

Er. Atchison had prepared indicating what he perceived to be welging defects and a CB&I supplied pipe wipe restraint 3 assembly. I had only one sheet of paper which was a sketch 4 or an area of this whip restraint. It was sometime later 5 during the summer or fall of 1982, I don't remember off the too of my head, when the non-conformance report form emerged either in the licensing proceedings itself or 8 attached to one of the intervenor's pleadings with the Board to where Atchison's handwritten and unnumbered draft 10 or the non-conformance report was brought to my attention. 11 was this NCR that came to light later on, it 12 was not then an actual NCR that had put in the program, 13 made part of the system, documented, and then tracked on 14 site here? 15

A I was unaware at the time that Mr. Atchison had anything other than a concern over these welds.

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2 Has anybody ever told you that this NCR had been characterized as having been lost on site? Have you ever heard that before?

A I have heard that explanation. I have also heard explanations as to how it was purported to be found.

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A The story that was told was that a Mrs.

Darlene Stiner found the draft non-conformance report in a
Tuperware package she had at her house. Frankly, I do not

believe that.

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T. Brandt and C. C. Randall. If not, it is one or the other. We conducted a joint investigation of Mr.

Atchison's concern.

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A It would be nice if we could get everyoody

together. (Laughter.) 3 At the time that you first became aware of 4 this drawing, I presume the drawing was made by Atchison? 5 I was told the drawing was made by Atchison. A 6 Did he show you the drawing himself? NO. 8 How did you come into possession of this? 0 Q It was brought to me by either Randy Smith or 10 Mike Poote. 11 Did they represent it as having been John or 12 this issue identified by Atchison? 13 Yes, that is correct. 14 And did you ever have any communication with 15 Atchison about this? 16 Directly? 17 Yes. 18 No. 10 Did you have any through your subordinates? 20 Yes. 21 wno? I don't know that my subordinates ever 23 discussed it with Atchison. I know they told me they aid. 24 I have no reason to doubt them. When I received the 25

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24 25 pressurizer tank room, the 822 or 832, whatever it is, reactor building, Unit No. 1, to look at the described welding anomalies, for lack of a better term.

Due to the way that Mr. Atchison, or whoever nad prepared the sketch, it looked like Mr. Atchison's nandwriting quite frankly, I was looking for a piece about 13 or 14-foot long. The way he had drawn the sketch was very confusing as it turned out even to the Chairman of the ASLB.

we located a foreman, a general foreman who was familiar with Mr. Atchison's concerns and he pointed me to the area of his concerns. At the time there was only one safety pelt amongst the three of us. I went up and looked at the concerns, which were largely porosity, and, as I recall, one linear indication. I went up and looked at the area, came back down and told Randy Smith and Mike Foote that the porosity that Atchison had noted was acceptable. The linear indication that he had identified on this one-page sketch that I had I believed was a crack in the paint and not any linear indication on the weld and also made an observation that a weld some distance away, which was a Brown and Root weld, and by some distance I will say three feet, had just been PI'd. The craft foreman or general foreman, whoever it was that was with us had complained about the amount of surface preparation

required. It was readily apparent, as the weld looked like it had been polished to a mirror rinish, and I mentioned also to Ar. Poote and Mr. Smith at that time that it appeared Mr. Atchison was requiring an excessive amount of surface preparation prior to performing the liquid penetration.

Mk. GRIFFIN: Okay. Could we go off the record just for a moment.

(Discussion off the record.)
(Short recess.)

MR. GRIFFIN: Let's go back on the record. BY MR. GRIFFIN:

I may have already asked you this, Tom, but was it your understanding or did you hear from third parties that Darlene Stiner had found this NCR that related to this pressurizer tanks in Unit 1?

A That was the story that I heard.

Q Do you have any personal knowledge of that?

A I don't have any idea where Darlene Stiner lives and she purportedly found it at her house. The answer to the question is no.

Q It was not found on site or it was not located on ---

A The story I heard was she found it at home. As a matter of ract, she even told me that, that Mrs. Ellis

nad come to her house and said that, and I have forgotten how it was explained now Mrs. Ellis even knew she had it, but Mrs. Ellis came and claimed that that was Mr.

Atomison's property and came to retrieve it from Darlene.

- you indicated that one of your subordinates went back to Atchison and gave him was it your reply to the conditions you found as relates to these vendor welds?
- talking a year and a half ago, by either Mike Foote or Randy Smith, that they had gone back and told Atchison essentially that I didn't have a problem with the porosity and if he still concern over the linear indication, to have the paint removed. Mr. Atchison chose not to have the paint removed, as was evidenced by me personally when I went to reinspect the welds. When I became aware of the draft NCR later during the summer of 1962, the paint was still intact.
- Did you give Foote or Smith, whichever one of these two supervisors who went back to Atonison, did you give them any instructions beyond just your opinion on the state of these welds?
- a when I came down off the scaffolding or wall, or combination thereof, they were both standing or leaning against the vertical leg of the scaffolding, and keep in mind this is a very small room we are talking about,

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in it, quite close quarters, so we were in close proximity to one another, and I just looked at them, and to the best of my recollection my statement was you guys have got a problem with Atchison. In my opinion, he doesn't know what ne is doing. He obviously does not understand the reject criteria. I also mentioned the polishing of the welds. Possibly in retrospect Randy Smith dian't understand what I was saying at the time as rar as my statement that I did 10 have a problem with Atchison. Mike Foote knew me well 11 enough by that time to know that I was telling him ney, we needed to look at it. I didn't say go yee therefore and 13 speak to Charles. I just said to tell nim ta-da, ta-ca, 14 ta-da.

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Did you later learn of what Atchison was tolu? Did you get any feedback as what he had been in told and in what manner?

It is a matter of record, to the best of my recollection in the Department of Labor hearing and the ASLB nearing that Alchison was told that if he had further concerns with that weld on that whip restraint to have the crait remove the paint.

Do you have any personal knowledge of anybody intimidating or attempting to intimidate Atchison to be not so thorough in his inspections as a result of this

incluent?

A That question implies that Atchison was thorough. I couldn't disagree with the statement more. Atchison was never thorough in is inspections. Atchison could not realize that a weld could have anomalies in it and still be acceptable in accordance with the code.

so if your question, and I will attempt to reparase what you are trying to get at, was that did anybody ever tell Atchison to slack off and cut the craft some slack, no.

Q Okay. Let's move on to another instance. Do you recall an incident in Unit 1 in which an NCR was written on hilty bolt failure during hydrotorqueing? Do you recall that NCR?

A Yes, 1 ac.

Q bid you review that NCR?

incident on -- hilty bolts, to the best of my knowledge, were never torqued with a hydrotorque. The issue that was raised by Mr. Atchison was the A-480 bolts failing during torqueing with a hydrotorque, not hilti bolts.

- Q Did you review this NCR?
- A Prior to issuance?
- Q No, after it was issued.
- A Yes.

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Q Did you give Atchison any instructions as related to his NCR?

A I don't ever remember discussing the NCR with Atonison.

Q Did you discuss it with some of your suporuinates who then discussed it with Atchison?

In answer to the first part of the question is yes, I did discuss it with my subordinates because at the time we didn't know what the problem was. The first two people that I remember discussing it with were Bill hartshorn and Mike Poote. Mike Poote I know discussed this with Atchison. Mike was intimately involved in the establishment of torque values for A-490 bolts subsequent to the problem and was also responsible for making the observation that Atchison didn't know now to read the hydrotorque which was in our best estimation today the reason the bolts were failing.

of the hydrotorque corresponding to a series of mechanican advantages and hydraulic advantages, depending on size of the head. Excuse me, there is a scale on the meter of the hydrotorque, and depending on what size head you use, there are four scales. It is called T-1 through T-4. Atchison was unaware of the fact that each particular scale corresponded to a particular size head. So it is

unknown by me or anybody, other than possibly Atchison, what scale ne was really using on the hydrotorque when the 3 polts faired. Do you know what instructions Foote may have 5 given Atchison related to this? 6 roote instructed Mr. Atchison on the proper use of the hydrotorque. 8 Do you know if Mr. Foote threatened or 0 intimidated or attempted to get Mr. Atchison to be less 10 thorough? 11 Certainly, I do know, and the answer is 12 certainly not, because at the time we went inrouch an 13 extensive -- we tested the polts that failed. We ran tests 14 to establish torque values for the A-490 polts, which at 15 the time took, I won't say a considerable amount of 16 effort, but took some effort. We were interested in really 1. why the polts failed and not in the fact that Atchison or 18 anybody else had identified the problem. 19 Were these tests conducted by representatives 20 from Chicago Erique and Iron? 21 NC. 22 Do you know or any testing on these polts by 23 Chicago Bridge and Iron that resulted in bolt failure? 24 A No. 25 Has the issue of these bolts been resolves?

A Yes, it has, both on site and both to the satisfaction of your resident inspector.

Q Let's move on to another issue. Do you recall an incident in February 1982 when Atchison refused to sign off on design changes on Westinghouse whip restraints without plueprints which did not contain Westinghouse headquarters approval?

A I am aware of the charge by Atchison. We were not, the best of my recollection, ever able to come to grips with exactly what he was talking about. The people he alleged made the changes, we went back and reviewed many instances and the changes had all occurred with Westinghouse concurrence. It was possibly not formal on anything that was issued to Mr. Atchison indication that westinghouse Pittsburgh had reviewed it, but in all cases the westinghouse site representative had approved the change, who is responsible for maintaining continuity with the westinghouse design process in Pittsburgh.

Q Are you aware of any threats of narm or bodily injury made to Atchison made by a millwright lead over this indigent?

- A No, absolutely not.
- You never neard of any such incident at all?
- A No.
- Q Did you yourself tell Atchison during your

fire you? Mr. Atchison and I never discussed that incident by Mr. Atchison's own admission. In the August 1982 Decartment of Labor hearings Mr. Atchison and I, 6 other than casual conversation passing in the hall and in the field only had two occasions to ever speak to one 8 another. I don't remember off the top of my head what 9 those two occasions were. Excuse me, only had two 10 occasions to speak to one another while he worked for me. 11 Do you know if anybody told Atchison to back 12 off on this issue or that he would be fired? 13 A No, I don't. I have no reason to believe that 14 it even occurred. 15 Oxay. Let's move on to another subject. What 16 was your involvement in the termination or Robert 17 hamilton, Joe Krolak and a fellow by the name of Sheidon? 18 Sherman Sheldon. I was the decision-maker 19 together with Gordon Purcy who was their administrative 20 supervisor. 21 So the facts were presented to you and you decided on the termination: 23 Yes, sir. 24 As relates to that incident, during the 25 incident had you heard of statements that were allegedly

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made by a supervisor by the name of Hawkins in which Hawkins indicated or related to other parties that this particular inspection, and I believe it is on a ring in the dome, was unsafe?

happened. I am familiar with the facts surrounding the incident, but it is not really a similar incident. The indicent that you are referring to occurred in Unit 1 as opposed to Unit 2, which was the incident which I was familiar with and was involved with. The incident in Unit 1 involved some unsafe practices, for lack of a better term, involved swinging essentially on a rope from place to place 106 feet above the ground floor, and I would have to concur with Mr. Hawkins that that is unsafe.

Q So are you saying that if this is the same incident, it is not the same inspection that these men were required to perform?

A Absolutely not. As a matter of fact, Mr. Krolak, which is one of the two men, had been on the rotating access platform rail as early as I believe two days, but I will specify within a week prior and made no mention of any unsare practices. Before I made any decision, I sent Mr. Harry Williams and Mr. Mike Foote up to the area. Harry Williams was definitely afraid of neights and Harry had no problem with walking completely

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around the circumference of the containment. I called Safety. Sam Hogart, who is the senior safety representative, indicated that he had inspected the area and it was safe, and Neil Britton, who at the time was the protective coatings supervisor, had indicated to me that he felt the area was safe.

perform the inspection and not once, I might add, did any of them claim that they were afraid of heights. Had anyone come and said, Tom, I am just absolutely scared to death to go up there, I would have evaluated the situation much differently than I did.

- 2 what did they give as their reasoning?
- A They just said it was unsate and we ain't going. As recently, or as late I guess is a better way to put it, as Mr. britton going out and getting the three individuals and coming into my office at my direction early the afternoon that they left, Mr. Britton said, guys, you are making a mistake. Brandt is serious. Hamilton laughed and said Brandt is clufring. I cid not know that at the time, but in retrospect it even confirms my decision of what really was the motive.
 - Q weil, what was the motive?
- A In my opinion, it was an effort to call it. It was a power play and an effort at mutiny, and the fact

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that they tried to implicate Houston Gunn in the issue. houston Gunn has worked in the fac shop on a concrete floor as long as I have been here and he is still working in the fac shop on a concrete floor and has never been assigned to the area. They also attempted to implicate Joe fazi in the issue who at the time was assigned to hight shift and who on the very hight that Mr. Hamilton was dismissed went up and performed inspections on the rotating access platform rail.

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A Bob Hamilton called Houston Gunn and said come on, we have got to go to Branut's office. We are getting fired for not walking the rail. I had never requested Houston Gunn to walk the rail.

Q I am asking you, Tom, what is your understanding of the reason they didn't want to do it?

A I think it was an effort at mutiny.

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A To what end?

Q Yes.

A To show me that they were going to do what they wanted to do, that they would decide what was safe and unsafe. I mean it is hard for me to believe that someone propably in his early 40's, as Mr. Krolak was, could have routinely performed the inspection on the rail

1 and for no situations to have changed, and all of the sudden one day decide that walking the rail was unsafe. 3 Do you know of any other ractors or concerns 4 that the three gentlmen had that would have brought an 3 incluent like this to a head, or that would add support to 6 wny this occurred at this time? I don't understand the question. 8 well, let me approach it from a different way. 9 Do you believe that these three people legitimately 10 believed that this was an unsafe inspection? 11 I think I just answered that. It is incredible 12 for me to believe that a guy had been up there routinely 13 in exactly the same condition, and just one day woke up in 14 a new world and decided it was unsafe. 15 Oxay. Well, then let me go back to the 16 question I asked before. Are there any other circumstances 17 or events or things that were going on ---18 Not to my knowledge. 19 They just hit you with this cold? 20 One morning they decided they weren't 21 performing the inspection. And you don't know why ---

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- Q During the process of their termination did they offer you any other explanation other than it was unsate?
 - A Apsolutely not.

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- Q Prior to the time these men were terminated, would you characterize their performance as inspectors as adequate?
- enough for me to make a decision one way or the other. Joe krolak was no call of fire and had trouble properly preparing documentation and seemed to have a little problem understanding the changes we had made in the program in November of 1981 as a result of a notice of violation received from Region IV in order to properly document the inspections which they were performing. Boo hamilton had been the coatings lead inspector for probably

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years and was directly responsible for non-implementation of the program which resulted in a notice of violation. So I had a hard time believing that I would recommend him very highly.

- Q are you ramilar with who they were rated by the performance appraisals prior to their termination?
 - A No. It was never any concern of mine.
- Q Did you ever find out through this incident if they had had satisfactory appraisals?
- A I never looked. To me it was a clear-cut case of insubordination.
- 2 Did anybody give you any instructions or influence you in your decision to terminate these people?
- remember asking anybody. I remember calling Gordon Purdy, as they were all three Brown and Root employees, to my office and I said, Gordon, I have a problem with three of your people. He asked me what it was and I explained the situation fully to nim. We sat all three of them down in the presence of Neil Britton and Harry williams, Gordon Purdy and myself discussed the situation with them and asked them if they had anything further to add. They had none, and I said well, guys, this is the last chance. You either need to go and perform the inspections of I don't need you. They all three chose to go to the gate.

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We filled out, I won't call it a counseling form because it really wasn't counseling, but a description or the incident indicating the recommended course of action was to be termination which Gordon Purdy and myself co-signed.

- Q Prior to your terminating these fellows, was Tolson involved in or aware of what was going on?
- A As I just stated, I con't remember asking anyone or involving anyone else. I might have told Tolson, but I can't really speculate on whether I did or not.
- Q How about Mr. Chapman or Mr. Clements, where they aware of this incident at all as it developed?
 - A Definitely not, not from me anyway.
- Q Okay. I want to switch subjects again. Do you recall an incident involving Darlene Stiner and a QC trainee in which the trainee was using large amounts of liquid penetrant during a training exercise? Do you recall this incident?
 - A No, not from that description anyway.
- 2 Large amounts of liquid penetrant on a wall apparently applied without knowledge of the normal means of performing that.
 - A NO.
- Did you ever instruct Darlene Stiner to perform plug welds?

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A Darlene Stiner never welded while I supervised her. The answer to your question is no.

Q Did you ever instruct her to accept plug welos performed by other people?

A I don't ever remember instructing ner to.

however, such is a said practice, not to accept, but to

inspect plug welds would have part of ner normal course of
duties.

Q Are plug welds, and I am asking because I don't know, are plug welds an acceptable means of welding according to site procedures?

The term plug weld is misleading, as I have testified at some length on at the ASLB proceedings. The term plug weld, if I can draw a picture for you, as defined by both ASME and AWS, would be performed by drilling a hole through this piece of material, essentially welding to this piece of material at that location and only that location. By doing such you would be transmitting any kind of shear force applied there to that member.

what Darlene Stiner has historically been concerned with in her plug weld story, for lack of a better term, has been the repair of a misdrilled bolt hole in a single piece of material which AWS clearly defines as fillet welding a hole.

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4	A That is right. My testimony in the ASLB
5	proceeding uses the term plug weld, but it is italics.
6	Q Tom, you were called on another instance
-	involving Darlene Stiner regarding vendor welds on some
	large doors that she had written an NCR on.
8	A No, not any involvement that Darlene Stiner
9	had with any large doors. There have been NCM's on large
10	doors, but not that Darlene Stiner and I ever had any
11	discussion or anything on. As a matter of fact, I was
12	unaware that she was even involved with the missile doors.
13	Q Could you tell me what the NRC's that you are
14	familiar with, what they involve?
15	A There are some NCk's involving vendor welding
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17	made by Overly Manufacturing Company which were
18	subsequently repaired.
19	Q Because the welds were found to be
20	unsatisfactory?
	A Right, when they were received on site.
21	Q And NCR's were written and they were
22	dispositionaea?
23	A The vendor told Overly to come in and repair
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25	Q And all these NRC's, have they been

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dispositioned and closed?

A 1 won't say they have been closed. They have all been dispositioned, to the pest of my knowledge.

- and you have already stated that you did not recall Dariene Stiner's involvement regarding these vendor welds. Do you recall ever instructing Darlene Stiner to buy of: on large doors in spite or her concerns of vendor welds?
 - A No, I definitely did not do that.
- Did you yourself inspect these welds once this issue was prought to your attention, not necessarily as relates to Darlene Stiner, out just to ---
- A Provided that we can make that clarification that your question appears to make the assumption anyway that we are talking about the same doors or same welds, I have reason to believe that is not the case because I think the particular issue that I am talking about was identified and resolved after Darlene Stiner left the site.

Maybe I can make a generic statement. I have never instructed anybody to accept anything they were uncomfortable with accepting. I have on occasion disagreed with inspectors, in which case as a Level III certified in accordance with ANSI N-45 2.6, I signed off approval on the IR as the Level III examiner. It has happened on two

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Mike knodes on a piece of structural steel that was in the warehouse, and the other incident that I distinctly remember was with Dan Hanke in an incident in the paint laydown yard on some whip restraints, and by inference I essentially did the same with Mr. Atchison's concerns on porosity that he identified in this o22 pressurizer tank room incident. I have never asked any inspector to sign something they were uncomfortable with.

- Q Do you recall ever having a conversation with Darlene Stiner in which you told her to confine her inspections to those that she had been assigned and not to report deticiencies or to examine areas other than those she had been assigned?
- problems with inspectors just wandering about looking at what they perceived were random issues. I can't say beyond a snadow of doubt in my mind that I didn't tell Darlene that she was assigned to, for example, classified pipe supports and she didn't need to be looking at ASME class one, two and three piping. That is possible that I might have told her that, in which case if I had told her that, as I said, I never told anybody if they had a genuine concern about something to not bring it to light. 'I have encouraged it in several issues.

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Q Did you ever hear Mr. Tolson tell Darlene Stiner to confine ner inspections to those she was assigned?

A Not that I recall. I only recall Mr. Tolson and I ever talking jointly with Darlene Stiner once,

Q Oxay. Well, that brings us to our next subject. You were present for, would it be fair to term it a counseling session?

A It wasn't really a counseling session

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Ron and I called her in and talked to ner I believe in the presence of -- excuse me. The first discussion I believe was just Ron and I, and I am talking off the top of my head. I don't remember time sequence that well because it was never any big deal as far as I was concerned. We had genuine concerns over her own personal well being

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didn't think that it was in her best health interests to continue working as an inspector and we just wanted her to be aware of what her options were as far as leave of absence.

It might have been in the same meeting or it might have been in a subsequent meeting that we brought Mr. Ray Yockey, who is Brown and Root's personnel manager on site into the discussion to implicitly describe to her what her options were as far as a leave of absence.

Q Do you know how many such meetings that she had with Tolson over the course of ---

A I can't speak for Tolson. I can speak for meetings that I was involved with Mr. Tolson and Darlene and, as I said, it might have been the same meeting or it might have been two meetings. I don't really know.

Q Are you aware of her attending other meetings on this same subject, more specifically being called to Tolson's office?

A The meetings that I am describing took place in Tolson's office.

Q I am talking about other meetings. Are you aware of other meetings?

A I believe, and once again I would have to check the records to be sure, I believe Darlene was a person that we were concerned with due to our commitment

to Reg Guide 1.58 as of February 21st or 25th, 1982. It endorses and required the adoption of ANSI N-45 2.6 as far as certification of inspection personnel and added that in addition to all those requirements the Commission was requiring that any inspector be a high school graduate or a recipient of a GED.

To the best of my recollection, Darlene was one of the personnel who had been here prior to February '82 and had been certified when that requirement did not apply, and I believe Ron and I sat down and explained to her that in order to continue work she would have to go obtain a GED to comply with the reg guide.

Q Did these meetings that you attended in Tolson's office with Darlene Stiner that related to her not having a high school education come about following her appearance before that ASLS boars?

- A I am not sure of dates, and I want to say in both cases no. Definitely in the education case the anwer is no. It was significantly prior to that. In either case, ner appearance had no effect on our discussion.
- Q During these meetings, the one or two that you attended in Tolson's office () and you or Tolson make any recommendations to Darlene Stiner regarding her employment?

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A It appears to be a leading question. I don't really know what you are after. I have explained to you that we even went to the extreme of calling in the Brown and Root personnel manager to explain to her what Srown and Root's corporate policy was as far as leave of absence.

Q well, I mean do you call everypody in and counsel them or ---

A She had made statements to her peers that she really couldn't do her job any longer due to the physical limitations of --

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in a building right outside the fab shop and noused her yards away from the fab shop which, as far as I am concerned looking in retrospect, we probably treated her with kid gloves. I don't know that I would do the same for everybody

To me it you are an inspector you are expected to be able to climb and go up and down stairs and by her own admission she couldn't do such.

we kept her

to the extent of even providing transportation for her to and from the guard gate because she complained of physical threats and was concerned about her well being.

Q. was this following the ASL6 hearings?

physical threat. Please strike that. It was harassment I think was the actual complaint in the event that from the guard gate where she would have to have entered to her place of work which was probably 3/dths of a mile. We arranged to have her park in the 2-C parking lot and the Brown and Root administrative assistant was sent every morning in a car and picked her up in the 2-C parking lot and delivered her to her door of her office and returned in the afternoon, picked her up at her office and delivered her to the 2-C parking lot. I don't know what more we could have done for her.

Q I am just trying to explore what ---

A I understand what you are trying. The only thing I could name done any more was to sit and hold her hand for eight hours a day.

Q All I want to do is recount the facts as they occurred, including the ones that you just said.

A I understand.

Q During the two counseling sessions, the one or two that you were involved in with Tolson and Darlene Stiner, did either one of you, you or Tolson, recommend that she end her employment as a QC inspector?

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I want to say a year and a half ago. It seems hali ago. that way. It seems like it was the first part of last summer, the summer of 'b2. It is possible that we encouraged her to take a leave of absence because that is really what I felt she should do. It is hard for me to justify even to myself in fairness to other inspectors to have one inspector that is being treated the way she was to the extent of rather than having to walk what we call the cattle shoot here which leads from the craft parking lot which QC parks on, which is a mass or numanity moving down to the date on an lo-foot wide sidewalk essentially, walking probably oh, a quarter to three-eighths of a mile even to get in the site and then walking to your office on the site. When you have got 400-plus people doing that and one person being escorted from a privileged parking area to her door and back working in an area that is roughly ten yards from her work area doing no climbing, doing no stair climbing, and doing a minimal number of inspections, it is in my opinion not really fair to the people that are out working in 100-plus degree heat climbing up and down scaffolding in the daily construction activities.

Q was the decision made to do all these things for her based on her appearance before the Board?

A Absolutely not. The original confrontation with Dariene Stiner was before she ever appeared.

I am asking you did you do all these nice things for her because ()she appeared before the Board? What was the thinking behind all this?

A As ridiculous as it may seem, it certainly did to me, the intervenor filed for a protective action, filed a request with the Chairman of the ASLB for a protective order on Darlene Stiner. Based on the fact that I had moved her twice in three days, the intervenor alleged that this was narassment when in fact I had moved her from an area in which she was noused with 17 or 15 other inspectors probably close to a half a mile from her work area to an area which was less than 16 yards from her work area.

At this point it was the considered opinion of both myself and the applicant's management that in order not to make more of an issue out of it than it had already become, we would provide any and all methods of making her job as easy as possible for Ms. Stiner as could possibly be done.

Q During that time were there other women on site?

A I don't know.

As a supervisor, have you had to deal with this problem before with women in these demanding

I have never seen concessions made on seven A nuclear power facilities similar to the concessions made to Ms. Stiner. I have never seen concessions even close to the concessions we made for Ms. Stiner.

Do you know what site policy is or what Brown and Root policy is

I have no idea. Site policy is you may only personn you job as long as you are physically capable of performing your job.

So all this attention paid to Ms. Stiner was scecial and unusual?

I would say highly, If by attention you mean the fact that we were virtually catering to her every whim and fancy, yes, I would say that is unusual. I would say that is extremely unusual in the construction industry.

In general were the concerns that Ms. Stiner raised perore the ASLB valid, in your opinion?

That seems to be a Sherman williams type of question.

well, I am asking for your opinion.

It is hard for me to even remember what concerns belonged to who in the ASLB hearing.

How about the ones that I have recounted to you here today, the ones that you recalled?

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about that I was familiar with was the large doors which I don't recall Ms. Stiner ever having any dealings with. I nonestly don't remember what Ms. Stiner's concerns in the proceeding were.

If I might and something just in retrospect.

It is my personal opinion representing only myself that there had been no significant safety issues raised by anyone in the ASLB proceedings.

On a different subject, were you involved in Henry Stiner's termination?

A acsolutely not.

2 Do you have any personal knowledge of the incloser leading up to his termination?

A Negatory.

Coatings occumentation, prior to Revision 4 of the quality instructions related to coatings, which kev. 4 was occuper or 'cl, NCR's were part or the quality instructions; is that right?

A NRC's were part of the quality instructions after October of 'al, and I don't know where you are headed.

You don't know where I am headed?

A No. The answer to your question is yes, but I

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might add that they were part of the instruction after Rev. 4 in 1981, if by the NCR you mean non-conformance report. It is a paper that says ---

Q 16.0 and the QI's?

A Yes.

when a decision was made on site here to got to the IR program, were not NCR's dropped from the instructions, the quality instructions?

MR. WATKINS: Can you be a little more specific?

MR. GRIFFIN: I think he understands the question.

THE WITNESS: I understand the question and I am going to clarify it for him, it that is permissible.

MK. GRIFFIN: Sure.

Appendix B. 10 CFR 50 Appendix E does not ever mention the term non-conformance report. It says in one of its 18 criteria that non-conforming conditions must be properly identified and controlled. Whether you identify such on a piece of paper called a non-conformance report, a piece of paper called a deficiency report ---

BY MR. GRIFFIN:

Q Okay, Tom, if you will let me break in on you a minute. What you are going to tell me I already know. I

nave had the advantage of going back and looking at the nistorical file for the revisions and the QI's related to coatings for various things like steel. In my review I was able to determine that Rev. 4, which was October of 1961, you all went to an IR program.

A Rev. 4 of the coatings procedure went to an IR as opposed to probably nine to ten other little sneets of paper they called cneck lists and mixing forms, batching forms, final inspection forms, which our inspection force from 1979 to 1981 handled to marvelously we got a severity level 4 I believe notice of violation over the subject.

All of the coatings procedures were rewritten to put them in the inspection report format as opposed to check lists.

Q Okay. According to my review of the historical file, when you all went to the IR program, 16.0 was aropped from the QI's for a period of time.

It might have been dropped from the QI's, but I can show you literally hundreds of NCR's that have been written on coatings post-1981.

But they were not contained in the procedure.

I am telling you that. Is that consistent with your

memory?

A No.

2 Oxay. So as far as you know, 16.0 was still ---

A I am not arguing the point, Mr. Griffin. I don't remember.

Q Okay. well, that is what I am asking you.

A I only see numureus of procedures every week and I don't remember.

2 I understand.

A If you want to talk philosophy of NCR or IR, I will be glad to talk about it.

Q No, that is not the gist of my question. I just want to know what you knew and you say you do not know ---

A If it was not included -- I was the author probably without looking of Revision 4 to the coatings instruction. If not, I was the approver and the author was a gentleman by the name of either Dick Cummings or Mike Foote.

we were working kind of jointly and I had the responsibility for approving them. If at that time the non-conformance reporting procedure, CP/QP 16.0, was omitted, it was essentially an oversight. It was used by inspectors at that time to identify what they perceived to be non-conforming conditions. Unsat IR's were typically limited to unsatisfactory conditions found in the coatings

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1	refused an NCR number.
2	Q And you were the reviewer of all NCR's that
3	came through?
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5	A No.
6	Q who was? who would have been for coatings?
	4 In 1961?
	Q Yes.
8	A Probably Harry Williams.
9	Q Dig Harry Williams have the authority to voice
10	NCR's?
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12	A Yes, ne did.
13	Q Did this continue to be the case?
	A Yes, it aid.
14	Q As long as Mr. williams was employed here, he
15	nau the authority to voic?
16	A Yes.
17	2 I am going to drop back in time prior to
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19	October 'di. During the period in 1980 and 'oi, the early
20	part of 'or there appears to have been about a 14-month
	gap in the writing of NCA's. I am telling you this. Are
21	you aware of this? Are you familiar with this?
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23	seconunanded.
24	Q You have heard that?
25	4 I have heard that
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A I have heard that.

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scheme as part of a routine inspection. I don't know if that muddled the issue, but that is essentially the way I recall it.

Q So as to wny 16.0 was dropped, it would have been an oversiont?

Mean it wasn't simple. I mean if you look at the scope of the revision between Rev. 3 and Rev. 4, and taking your word for the fact that Rev. 4 was written in October 'al, because that is about the time that it was changed, and assuming that Rev. 4 is the rewrite of the program which occurred at that time, which I am not sure of, it wasn't intentional at that time to leave it out. It was the complete rewrite of the program and the fact that it didn't say ney, if you encounter non-conforming conditions identify it on a form we call an NCR in accordance with 16.0, it wasn't intentional. There was no philosophy bening that event.

- Q And you say inspectors continued to write .
 NCR's following that date?
 - A Yes, sir.
- C And did you continue to assign numbers to them?
- A whenever asked, we have always given an NCR number to anybody. I know of no incident when anybody was

Q Do you know or any explanation for a 14-month gap?

A No. I never even looked at a possible explanation for it.

Q And you never heard anybody voice an explanation?

A I have never heard anybody really ask the question until just recently.

Q Do you know of anybody during 1980 or the early part of 'ol that told the inspectors they could not write NCR's?

A NO.

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Q You indicated earlier that following Rev. 4 in October of 'al there were many NCR's written.

A That is my personal observation. I might say for the record that prior to September 1980 I was not even at Comanche Peak. I had very limited exposure to the coatings program prior to October or November 1981. So what went on was more job talk or hearsay rather than kind of personal involvement.

2 Prior to Rev. 4, the QI's referred to final acceptance, but the in process concept as relates to IR's does not relate to final acceptance; is that right?

A I don't understand that.

2 Prior to Rev. 4 inspections were considered

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They were not?

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At least the philosophy and possibly the

procedure stated at that time that final acceptance of the

traceable to any area. Some say, for example, pressurizer

room, Unit 1. The pressurizer room is proparly 60 feet

high and 20 feet square and all the surfaces are coated

and not traceable to anything, which was ultimately the

Okay. Well, let me again tell you I in

reason we were served with a notice of violation.

reviewing the historical file it referenced final

acceptance up to kev. 4, and final acceptance was not

referred to from Rev. 4 on, but you have no knowledge or

recollection that and I don't suppose you can answer my

coating would come at the time of final walkdown.

Consequently, many of the records that were really in

process application type records were never properly

filled out, some were never signed and many were not

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A I don't even understand your observation. I am more confused now than I was.

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well, one of the paragraphs in the CI's that

relate to coating inspections referenced the final acceptance. 3 Right, which is what I just answered stating the the inspectors were waiting for this day to come with 5 all these records still what they considered in process 6 waiting to do this final inspection, which is now we got the records as screwed up as they were. 8 So the fact that prior Rev. 4 it stated that 9 it was final acceptance, the in process concept was 10 already in place and in use? 11 Yes. 12 Okay. Once the inspection report was put in 13 use, how were IR's used for deficiencies identified which 14 were not part of assigned inspections? 15 I don't understand the question. 16 If an inspector indentified a deficiency that 17 was not part of their assigned inspection, now did they 18 report those deticiencies? 19 At what point in time? 20 when they identified them. 21 No, the time frame. This would have been from Rev. 4 through Rev. 23 15, which I believe is October of this year. 24 There is more than one answer to the question, 25

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if I can explain just oriefly.

Q Sure.

A As I started on the dissertation a minute ago and I cut off that it makes no difference, to meet both regulatory and federal law requirements what you identify discrepant or deficient conditions on, what you call that piece of paper, or not even a piece of paper. We could we could, if we wanted, etch it in stone. You have got me at a certain disadvantage because I don't have the procedures in front of me at this time.

Q Now I am just asking you, Tom. This is really pretty straightforward.

A I understand. If you will let me finish, I think I will answer your question, Brooks. For a long time they were writing NCR's in answer to your question. For some reason, probably more on this site than many I have been on, the NCR cycle seems to get bogged down in paper and just doesn't move as quickly. Given the same problem, you can reach the same ends more quickly with other documents than the document we call a non-conformance report achieving essentially exactly the same degree of quality and essentially the same involvement from the same people.

Somewhere between the period of October/November 'al and present, we decided we could do it much more efficiently on an inspection report. I

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probably am responsible as anypoor for initiating that philosophy having received my supervisor, Mr. Tolson's blessing on it before I ever did it. I started it in the classified pipe support area and it proved to be very successful as far as expediting the resolution of the problem, not in expediting the work necessarily, but as far as identifying the problem and getting properly just a corrective action described, implemented and closed in a much more expeditious fashion than what we were doing with a non-conformance report.

we expanded from the classified pipe supports into other areas and ultimately ending up in coatings, and exactly what time that took I can't tell you. But the process for identifying a discrepant condition is exactly the same on the inspectors benalf, I mean looking through the eyes of an inspector if he puts it down on an inspection report or on a non-conformance report.

- Q Okay. Now back to my question. If an inspector identifies a deficiency that is not part of his assigned inspection, what method under the Ik program ---
 - A He marks it un-sat and describes the problem.
 - Q Does he just get a blank IR?
 - A Right.
 - And he puts the location and then puts ---
 - A he puts the item description, the location ---

(Pause due to telephone call interruption.) 2 MR. GRIFFIN: Let's go off the record. (short recess.) (The pending question and partial answer were 5 read by the reporter after the recess.) 6 The WITNESS: In addition to the item description and the location, he describes what the 8 particular problem is ne has observed, makes the IR 0 un-sat, optains an IR number for the IR and enters it into 10 tre system. 11 BY MR. GRIFFIN: 12 now are un-sat's on IR's tracked? 13 By a log, a manual log similar to an NCR log. 14 Is this log a formal record? 15 Yes. 16 Is it a permanent record or does it become a 17 permanent record? 18 The term permanent record as defined by NCN-45 19 2.9, I will have to say in my interpretation neither a 20 non-conformance report log or an inspection report log are 21 permanent records. 20 wno maintains this log? 23 QC tnemselves. 24 OC wno?

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is responsible. For example, the protective coatings loc begins with the numbers PC. The backfit that we have been 3 undergoing for a couple of years now is PCR. Hilti colts are IRMn. 5 well, the gist of my question is you have a 6 formal system for tracking un-sat's on IR's? Right, procedurally described in CP/OF 15.0. 8 I had not read that, but it says now the log 9 will be set up, now they will be tracked and now it will 10 pe reported when they are dispositioned. Does it accress 11 that? 12 A It tells how an inspection report may be 13 closed. In essence it provides disposition to the problem 14 that the inspector reported. 15 Since the inception of IR's in the coatings 16 procedures, did writing an NCR guarantee an inspector trip 17 to your office? 18 No, in no way. 19 In other words, you continued to accept NCR's. 20 MR. WATKINS: Excuse me, could you read the 21 question back. I just didn't hear it. (The pending question was read by the 23 reporter.) 24 THE wITNESS: I might add that Appendix P 25 requires you to have a QA program established that clearly

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defined now you operate. When an inspection procedure describes that any defiencies you find shall be reported on an Ik and not on a non-conformance report and inspectors insist on using non-conformance reports, technically they are in violation of the procedure. To stretch a point, a non-conformance report could be written on that inspector's behavior for failure to follow the written procedure. Of course, that has never happened, but NCR's are still written.

by Mr. GRIFFIN:

Q Oxay. As an extension though, since the indeption of the Ix program in that NCR's were dropped from the quality instruction, did you ever have occasion to counsel inspectors who wrote NCR's since they were not part of the procedure as to why they weren't using IK's in accordance with the procedure?

A The subject has come up several times to me personally. I was not there, and the only reason I remember the date is I remember when I was in New York City, on August 18th or 19th my supervisor, Mr. Tolson, had a meeting with some paint inspectors explaining philosophically now the program was structured and why we wanted them to use an IR.

Let me again emphasize this is secondhand information. I was not there. After that one particular

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inspector that was involved in the meeting went out the very next day and wrote a non-conformance report on the same subject we had discussed in the meeting. Yet, he was not counseled for it, which in retrospect might have been a mistake.

Then a period of time later, and I don't remember which day of the week, the same inspector wrote another non-conformance report. His supervisor who was Everett Mouser prought the non-conformance report to me and said, Tom, I can't make Elliott understand what the program is and what should I do? I said explain again that the procedure specifically distates the use of an inspection report, get Mr. Elliott to issue an inspection report, reference the inspection report on the non-conformance report and pring the non-conformance report back to me and I will void it.

Q Is this October of this year that this occurred?

A It was August or September of this year. I subsequent to that got in a discussion with another inspector by the name of Tom Miller who one day came to my office to find out who was responsible for bringing him back to day shift. He was quite aggitated over it and he says I can't get anybody to admit bringing me back to day shift, and I said well, you have come to the right place,

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because it was my decision to oring you back to day shift, which he didn't like any more. He said he had to respect to the fact that I would at least admit it was my decision and we got into a lengthy discussion about the use of IR's versus NCR's.

Mr. Miller was going to explain what Appendix B said to me so he perceived. After discussing it at some great length with three procedure books in front of me showing me now I was in violation of 10 CFR 50 Appendix B and my demonstrating how I wasn't, Mr. Miller said he rinally understood. If you will give me just a second, I can tell you when that occurred. It was the last part of september, to the best of my recollection. It was on September 28th as a matter of fact.

He said he understood. He said a lot of people were confused over the philosophy of the issue and asked me to describe or present the same presentation pasically that I had given him to the group, which I did at 5 o'clock the next evening on the 29th of September. I had about a 30 to 45-minute philosophical discussion with both day shirt and hight shift coatings inspectors. I asked for any question and any further concerns on the NCR/IR issue and there were none.

So the answer is no, that you didn't have reason since the inception of our program up until these

events that you related to counsel?

A well, the only reason I explained that is I don't know what you mean by the word "counsel."

well, I am just saying if there had been 50 instances where people had come in who had written NCR's and you had said we use an IR program and NCR's are no longer included in reporting coatings deficiences ---

A To me it was more of a training session than a counseling session.

Q But I am just saying if there had been 50 instances, that you would probably have remembered these, would you not?

A On, yes.

Q And there were no such instances?

A Counseling sessions, no.

Q well, not formal counseling, but where you had to instruct your inspectors we have an IR program and NCH's are not ---

A To my recollection, I addressed it once previously prior to August/September of '83 as a group which I thought I provided an adequate philosophical discussion to the group, but due to the number of inspectors that claimed they still misunderstood it or didn't understand and thought we were in violation of Appendix B ---

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	A No, other than the incidents I described
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5	Q But these inspectors have continued to write
	NCR's; is that right?
6	A Not any more I hope. To me it is crystal clear
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8	what we want non-conformance reports for and what we
	don't.
9	Q It is also my understanding that Rev. 15
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11	placed MCk's back into the inspection instructions as
11	related to failed; is that right?
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13	A Due to unacceptable coatings due to loss of
	adnesion. That was a result of the December 29th group
14	meeting which Fred Dunham, who was the night shift QC
15	coatings lead inspector, had expressed a concern on how we
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17	were going to handle it because it wasn't procedurally
*	described now to isolate the area.
18	C what data was that assist
19	Q what date was that again?
	A September 29th.
20	Q in the IR program you use reject tags as
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22	opposed to nold tags; is that correct?
	A for coatings, yes.
23	2 Maybe you were going to tell me this. Why was
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	the NCk reinstated?
25	A I taink I did just describe that, the concern

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that Fred Dunham had on lack of a procedural definition on now to isolate the area on which the failed adhesion occurred.

- Q All right. Do you currently have a policy with our inspectors that relates to inspections of items outside those that they are assigned?
 - A I don't know that there is a policy.
- Q well, presently today are inspectors allowed to conduct inspections outside those that they are assigned?
- A Not on a routine basis. If they have a concern, in all cases their concern has been evaluated. It we had 400 people out there doing what they wanted, I think even a causual observer would have to admit it was an unmanageable situation.
- Q You indicated that over the period of the last few years inspectors had continued to write NCR's even though you had an IR program. When these NCR's were written, did these inspectors place hold tags on the items they had identified?
- A Procedurally they were required to. I dion't rollow any inspector around to see that he did.
- Q well, I am just asking you. They wrote NCR's, but ---
 - A They used hold tags is they used an NCR. Inat

is what they were supposed to have used.

O Do you review IR's, unsat's on IR's, or it is done by the first-line supervisor?

A Yes.

Q fom, are you familiar with who within the NRC and if the NRC was approached to give its blessing on this IR program? You had indicated earlier that you had presented it to Tolson. was the NRC approached to determine whether there was an agreement that this met reporting necessities?

discrepant conditions, and as I said I was responsible for the idea essentially, was ever proceduralized or ever used, it was discussed philosophically with the resident. He told me agreed that I was within the bounds or Appendix B any regulatory requirement. We had a philosophical disagreement, which I believe if questioned at this date, he would have to admit he was wrong on the effectiveness of what I was trying to achieve.

Q But the NRC representative concurred that it was an acceptable procedure?

A Yes, sir.

Q And then it was instituted?

A Yes, sir. It has also been evaluated by the construction appraisal team, by the ASLB and both have

1	approved these.
2	Q was there recently or in the last three months
3	consideration given to having craft supervision perform in
4	process inspections of coatings as opposed to QC
5	inspectors?
6	A Yes.
:	Q was a decision made as to whether to
8	incorporate this?
9	A Yes, a decision was made.
10	Q What was that decision?
11	A Not to do it.
12	2 was this a decision made by you?
13	A I had input on it, but the final decision was
14	not mine.
15	Q whose was it?
16	A I do not know. It was made by a superior of
17	mine. At exactly what level I do not know.
18	2 Do you know if craft conducts their own
19	inspections in any other areas?
20	A Yes, they do. Craft conducts an inspection of
21	varying magnitude in just about any area of safety related
22	construction. You mean prior to submitting to QC?
23	Q Does craft conduct its own inspections in
24	place or QC?

A In any safety related area?

1	Q Other than what was considered here.
2	A You are implying if they ever did that.
3	Q No, no, I am not.
4	A The craft has never made an inspection to
5	satisfy Appendix B requirements in any safety related area
6	at Comanche Peax.
-	2 My question is is this method used in the
8	other area?
9	h No.
10	Q It is my understanding that recent procedure
11	changes dropped dry spray, overspray and embedded
12	particles from inspection criteria; is that correct? Are
13	you familiar with that in coatings?
14	A I don't think they are approved yet.
15	Q Also, I think there is a provision that
16	indicated inspections are to be done at arm's length with
17	a flashlight tilted at a 90 degree angle. Is that an
18	incorporated procedure now?
19	A Yes, it is.
20	Q Were you the one that implemented this?
21	A Yes, I did. It is still quite conservative.
22	Q Why were these changes made? How did you
23	arrive at these?
24	A The safety issue on protective coatings is to

assure that the coating stays on the wall in the event of

a design pages accordent as opposed to falling off the wall in large sheets and theoretically, and only theoretically, clogging the containment sumps.

I know of an architect/engineering firm, who will remain nameless for purposes of this discussion, who has shown analytically that that physically impossible. However, in today's regulatory environment it is not worth the time and effort to try to it through the ARR. Several A/L firms have defined much more liberal inspection guidelines than at arm's length with a two-cell fiashlight.

we were having problems at the time with inspectors asking well, now much light do I have to have to make this inspection, now close do I have to get, I can't get my head in there close enough to see that. It became a constant question of accessicility or non-accessibility, and I decided to procedurally define.

- So you were more specific than maybe you would normally have intended to be to answer these questions?
 - A Correct.

- Q Have a number of new QC inspectors in the coatings arena been recently brought in from the paint department?
 - A Yes, sir.
 - O And are they being certified or qualified at

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- A Yes, sir, by the same process that anyone is qualified and certified.
- occupy, is this a long-term job for these people? I mean is there a need for a large influx of coatings QC inspectors for an indefinite period of time?

A There was at the time, yes, to support construction.

- Q will this demand continue to exist indefinitely into the future?
- A It depends on production schedules. It seems rather elementary that if we are working on two units at one time opviously it is going to take us twice as many people than if we were only working on one unit. And if you have 400 painters, you need proportionately more QC inspectors than if you only have 200 painters.
 - Q Chay. Did you have 400 painters a month ago?
- A I believe in the last two months, and I am not intimately involved with the construction details, there have been eight crews of painters added to days.
- So prior to bringing these people into QC you didn't have enough people to support the craft?
 - A Right.
 - Q Tom, do you know when final coatings

1	inspections will begin?
2	A They already have.
3	Q now long have finals been in process?
4	A I give up. I don't remember. It depends a lot
5	on what area you are talking about. For example, the final
6	coatings inspection on the containment liner in the dome
:	occurred as we were coming down out of the dome. We have
8	no reason to go back up in the dome at this point.
9	Q So all those are considered rinals?
10	A Right.
11	2 Is the rework or repainting of damaged paint
12	in process now?
13	A Right, it you are talking about mechanical
14	damage.
15	2 Yes.
16	A Yes.
17	2 In the concept of final walkdown for room
18	turnover, does that allow for inspection of all damaged
19	paint?
20	A Yes, that is exactly what it involves if the
21	scope or your question is restricted to the protective
90	coatings walknown.
23	Q It is.
24	A Yes, that is exactly what it is for.
25	Q I am interested in the coatings backfit

1 program. It was lybl that NRC released that notice of violation on old documents. Originally wasn't intended that there would be a total backfit? 1.0. 1 A what was the original intention? 5 The original intention was to backfit areas 6 where adequate documentation did not exist. what steps were taken to identify what 8 documentation was asequate? We reviewed the old documents. 10 wno is we? 0 11 OA. 12 Was there anybody in particular that handles 13 the review? 14 for me to list everybody would be a long list. The initial shot at it was myself, Dick Cummings and Mike 16 Foote. Since that time New Britton has become involved 17 and several other people. 18 During the review done by you, Foote and 19 Cummings, did you all also map areas as you went? 20 That is what we were working on at that time. 21 Did you map them according to adequate or 22 inadequate or sat or un-sat? 23 We only mapped adequate documentation. That is 24

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all we were interested in. If I can basically describe it,

we would pick up an inspection report and if it meant anything or if it was able to stand on its own, we would map the location of that IR saying, yes, we have got documentation on this area. If we picked up a record that wouldn't stand on its own, it just went over here.

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- I have looked at some of the old records and many of the packages that I reviewed had surface preparation primer, mixed sneets and seal coat. Did all of these together constitute an inspection package?
- making, and I am talking off the top of my head once again, I believe we made three maps, one for surface preparation, one for primer application and one for finished coat application. We took each individual record on its own and examined it and said will this stand on its own as a quality assurance document, and if it would, we mapped it. If it wouldn't, we disregarded it. We did not throw anything away.

we assigned numbers to absolutely everything so that they could be entered into the permanent plant record system. We had had no intentions to ever take credit for it.

Q Did you yourself ever have occasion during the review to attach say a mix sheet to a seal coat sheet if they were related? I am using that as an example. It could

nave teen surface preparation to a primer coat.

A I nonestly don't remember. I can't see that it would make any possible difference one way or the other,

- O Did you make any Xerox copies of any the ---
- A Dic I personally? No.

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but I honestly can't remember whether we did or not.

A No. I do know that of the people I was working with that we didn't make any. Whether somebody has made copies of them, I have no idea.

- Q How long did this review last with you, Foote and Cummings?
- February of 1982. Mike Foote is still here. Mike Foote has been involved on and off with review of coatings records since that time. My original involvement, as of January of 1982 I was deeply involved in getting Brown and Root through the ASME survey and in February of '62 I assumed supervisory responsibility for basically all of the non-ASME QC activities. The amount of time that I spent reviewing coatings records was extremely limited.
- Q when was Neil Britton brought into the review process?
 - A Sometime later.
 - Q Did he in effect take over from Foote and

Cummings?

- A You are asking a sequence type question, Brooks, and I really don't remember.
 - Q Are you familiar at all with Britton's review?
- A I don't understand the question. I know Neil Britton reviewed records, but what he did, I don't know.
 - o po you know if he mapped areas?
 - A Yes.
 - Q Did he map them for adequacy?
- A Meil aid the same thing that we did. If the record would stand on its own, he mapped it. If it wouldn't, it went in a separate pile. At least that is what he was instructed to do.
- Q Okay. As relates to the backfit program, now were these maps used?
- whether or not, for example, whether the area had been seal coated. They verified that they had a surface prep Ix, they verified that they had a primer Ix and a seal coat IX prior to letting them put any more finish coat on the item. If the documentation was lacking for the particular area that the ongoing work was in, the area was backfit.
- Q Okay. But in the backfitting did the inspectors conducting the backfit make use of these old

E2 recoras? 1 Make use of the records themselves? 3 0 Yes. Not to my knowledge. They might have. 3 In the backfit did the inspectors reinspect 6 areas that had been mapped as having adequate documentation? 8 I am sure that happened. 0 Well, are you saying that they did not take into account the adequacy of the old records? 10 In some cases it was probably that craft was 11 screaming at them to release the area as far as is it good 12 to caint or not, and this is strictly supposition on my 13 part and I have no reason to believe it is true other than 14 the fact that given the choice of going and looking to see 15 16 the map to figure out whether you had adequate records for the area or going ahead with the backit inspection for 17 the area, I am sure there are cases out there where they 18 did the packlit inspection rather than looking for the 19 20 records.

Q Okay. But are you saying there is no formal decision made whether areas mapped as having adequate documentation were included in backfit or not?

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A I don't see what difference it could possibly make.

well, tell me where I am wrong, but it say this were a room on the site out there and the paint on the, let's say it was concrete, if it was mapped as having adequate documentation, I am asking you, would the room have been involved in the backfit? As a matter of course? Yes. No. There was no reason to backfit an area A

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you had adequate documentation on.

So the records that were found to be adequate 0 were used and were excluded from backfit?

The only point I was trying to make, Brooks, and maybe I misunderstood where you were headed, was if this room, for example, had adequate documentation, did it ever nappen that an inspector backfit part of the room in addition to having adequate original records, and the answer to that was yes, procably that happened. That wasn't the intent, but you just did more work than was necessary.

what I am trying to get to, Tom, is in that you all did these document review and in that you mapped areas and certain areas were found to have adequate documentation, does that mean as of this date today are these old records that are represented as being used to attest to ---

A The quality of that paint?
2 Yes.
A Yes, sir.
Q So these records are still in use?
A Yes. They are in the vault.
Q In your review of the records that you
conducted with Foote and Cummings, were these, in your
opinion, did these old records meet ANSI standards and are
they adequate documentation?
A When I said that the record was adequate, that
is what I was recerring to.
2 So that if you marked adequate, it met all
criteria?
A All criteria for which we are committed to at
Comanche Peak in our professional opinion.
Q I am aware that Mr. Britton created a log in
his document review as well as maps and in the log you
recorded particular inspections as sat or un-sat. Those
that were marked sat, it is my understanding, were mapped
as satisfactory.
A Yes, having satisfactory documentation.
Q If I understand you correctly, those maps were
used to determine which areas did not require backfitting?
A Yes.
2 I understand that for liner plate and concrete

1	there was total packfit, complete packfit; is that right?
2	A Yes.
3	g But for miscellaneous steel, which includes
4	conduit and cable tray supports and stuff like that that
5	there was representative sampling taxen; is that right?
6	A we started under the concept of doing a
-	hundred percent or them. After doing tens of thousands of
8	destructive tests, we did a statistical analysis on the
9	results of our sampling and determined that a 90 percent
10	confidence interval could be achieved if at least 95
11	percent of the coating was acceptable and discontinued the
12	destructive testing.
13	were those areas that were mapped as having
14	adequate documentation excluded from the sampling?
15	A I don't understand your question.
16	2 were not maps drawn for what is included as
17	miscellaneous steel?
18	A No.
19	Q Just liner plate and concrete?
20	A Yes.
21	Q Okay, that answered my question.
22	A Just to make a point, Brooks. If we had mapped
23	miscellaneous steel we would have 45,000 maps.
24	(Laughter.)
25	That ought to be self-explanatory.

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1	MR. GRIFFIN: Let me tell you this, Tom. In
2	that I reviewed Britton's log, he went into areas other
3	than concrete and steel and ne marked them sat or un-sat,
4	too.
5	The WITNESS: By piece number possibly, yes,
6	but no mapping.
	LY MR. GRIFFIN:
8	g well, let me restate the question. Do you know
Q	if his log was used to determine
10	A Whether or not an area required a backfit?
11	Q Yes, and whether it was included in the
12	sampling for backfit.
13	A Are you separating those two?
14	2 well, no. I guess they are the same, are they
15	not?
16	A Yes. Our sample was only what was packfit.
17	Q Okay.
18	A The answer to the question is yes, it was
19	used. Now the procedure stated, if you say October on,
20	that if an area has adequate documentation, just carry on
21	your ongoing inspection. If it doesn't have adequate
22	documentation, persorm a backfit in accordance with 1.3-23
23	or 24.
24	2 In the old records those that reference an NCR

are considered inadequate; is that correct?

1	A It depends on what the NCR is. There was like
2	six original NCR's that were broken down to 12 that were
3	proken down to probably 50 now, depending on what
4	elevation and whether it is concrete or miscellaneous
5	steel or liner. If that is the NCR number references on
6	the cld check list, yes, those were considered inadequate.
	© Sc those that do not reference an NCR are
8	considered adequate conversely?
9	A . I guess. I don't know where you are headed.
10	well, I am not headed anywhere. I have gone to
11	the vault and I have looked at the documents and many have
12	NCR's. It just so happens when you look in the log book,
13	Britton's log book you find that those are un-sat.
14	A The ones that had NCR's. Okay
15	Q I am just trying to find out if that is your
16	understanding also.
17	A Yes, that is my general understanding. That
18	was the intent.
19	Q Is Britton's log book going to be the
20	permanent record for the packfit
21	A No. Appolutely not.
90	2 what will be used?
23	A The IR's. The original inspection reports. It
24	is rather bulky to have inspectors having to look through

file cabinet after file cabinet to fine support No. AYX to

1	find out whether the original documentation was adequate
2	or not.
3	So you use a log book in place of that?
4	A Right. we would be sitting here and talking
5	about lost records if that was the case.
6	Q During the backfit program these maps were
-	used to determine which areas would be backfitted?
8	A Right.
9	MR. GRIFFIN: That is all I have.
10	Do you have any questions?
11	MR. DRISKILL: Yes, just a couple.
12	BY MR. DRISKILL:
13	Q Going back for a few minutes to the discussion
14	that was had earlier, I have got a couple of things I
15	wanted to ask you about.
16	One of the topics was the generation of
17	inspection reports spontaneously by inspectors. In other
18	words, if they are walking down past something and they
19	see a bad spot, as I understand it, your instructions to
20	them were to go get a blank IR and write this up as an
21	unsatisfactory condition and Gentafy where it is and what
22	it is and turn that in. 's car correct in what Brooks has
23	called or represented as the lk program?

Right.

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That is correct?

The concept wasn't necessarily though, Don, you know, if I was needed to the reactor building and walking through the safeguard building and if I found something wrong to use an IR. Although that could have been the case, that wasn't really the philosophy behind it. The philosophy behind it was anything that was discovered wrong with the coatings system in service level one areas, which are the only areas that a QA program applies to at Comanche Psak, that anyy discrepant condition being identified on an IR. If it was not covered as an attribute on the IR that is included in one of the coatings inspection procedures, just use the clank IR and describe what was wrong with the area and mark the IR unsatisfactory.

you are saying them, so that I understand, you are saying if they do not possess an inspection report for that area when they find this, or if there is not an existing inspection report for that area, they are to generate an inspection report?

alf I could use an example, I think I might clarity it. If this is a room in the reactor building, I walk by and see that we have had severe mechanical damage in there to the coating system which has been previously accepted. There will be an inspection report saying that that had been inspected, but now is mechanically damaged.

ine concept was to take an IR out of the coatings inspection procedure where it says final visual acceptance, mark that unsatisfactory and describe the mechanical damage that exists in there.

Only in cases where there was no IR covering it, you know, if it was such an odd-ball case, which I can't imagine in coatings, because coatings is a pretty clear-cut, not clear-cut from the scientific aspects of it certainly, it is more of an art, but if there was no pre-identified inspection attribute for what was wrong or what was discrepant about the condition, to just take a blank IR and mark it unsatisfactory and just describe what was wrong with it.

- Q Let me ask a question just for the sake of the record. How does a coatings inspector generally come into possession of an IR? Who is it generally speaking originally generated by?
- A The IR? The coatings inspector. They are in possession of literally hunareds of them.
- 2 Bases on a request though from the craft to conduct that inspection?
- A The craft does not have IR's. What generally causes an inspection is that your question?
 - Q Yes.

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A That has never been a controversy to my knowledge.

- Q well, as I understand it, some people believe that that was a non-conforming condition that they saw on a wall and they should write an NCR.
- That leads me back to my soap box. I will not get back on it, however. It is clearly described now in the coatings instruction that when non-conforming conditions other than coating failure due to loss of adhesion are encountered, they shall be identified on an inspection report in accordance with CP/QP 18.0.

The terms discrepant, unacceptable, non-conforming and deficient all essentially mean the same thing, and I think the controversy was the fact that it is non-conforming means that it has to go in a non-conformance report. The fact that we weren't asked to do the inspection means that we use an NCR rather than an IR. If that is the point you are trying to make, I agree, that was the controversy.

Q I am trying for the record to determine and for myself what in your mind has resulted in this

misuncerstanding of the change in programs.

A I think it is straight now. You are making the assuming that there is still a controversy. I feel that the inspectors currently understand philosphically why what we are doing is acceptable. If they do not, they are either too shy to tell me so or they are just flat dishonest because I have asked them as a group if they understood and they all have indicated they understood.

I think the original controversy was over a God-given right to use a piece of paper that is identified as a non-conformance report, which I cannot endorse when it is procedurally defined to identify deficiencies on an inspection report.

- Inank you. You made a comment a few minutes on another topic here about Tom Miller being transferred back to the day shift.
 - A That is right.
- Q And I understand that you said you met with him on I believe September the 28th, 1963 and that the two of you were able to resolve your differences.

A I am not sure we resolved our differences, but at least he understood who made the decision and why the decision was made.

- Q And why was the decision made?
- A The decision was made by me due to the fact

performance, that both Tom Miller and others claimed that he was not responsible for and that he hadn't really done it this way or that way or whatever they were complaining about, but I wanted to personally evaluate Mr. Miller, and that is exactly what I told Mr. Miller on the 28th of September. He complained that the craft was after him, and I told him he was parancia. He agreed with me, and to a certain extent he says I am very paranoid.

I explained that the only way I could get around that apparent discrepancy in what he thought of himself and what other people thought of him and what the craft thought of him was to bring him in a situation to where I could more closely evaluate his capabilities.

- Q Have there been any complaints about his performance since he has been on days?
 - A Yes, there has.

- Q You stated that as a result of Fred Dunnam's concern, NCk's were reinstated in the program; is that correct?
- A I think you took it a little bit out of context. In this meeting that I neld with the day and night shift coatings inspectors on September 29th of 1983 I asked for comments or questions, one of which was Fred Dunnam's asking, Tom, in the event that coating fails que

to loss of adhesion, it is not procedurally described now we isolate the area and how is that possible to resolve with an Im?

I discussed at some length with him after the general meeting in a personal meeting several things, one of which was that in particular, and I described to him that there were essentially two ways that we could go.

One, I could procedurally identify when you had coatings failure due to loss of adhesion on how you isolate the unacceptable area or we could go with use of an NCR in that case and get an engineering evaluation on how to isolate the area.

I told him I would get back with him in the next day or two. I opted to go with the non-conformance report and the procedure was changed to reflect that report.

- Another topic. A few minutes ago Brooks brought up the proposal that coatings craft supervisors conduct inspections; is that correct?
 - A That is correct.
- Q I wanted to ask you, was this proposed intended to satisfy any requirements of Appendix B?
 - A I don't know where you are headed, Don.
- 2 If the proposal has been accepted to allow craft supervisors to conduct inspections, would any of

those inspections have ever been accepted and used to satisy NRC requirements?

A Aren't we talking about a hypothetical situation that didn't nappen? I just don't see the merits or even talking about it.

Q well, the matter was discussed and you pointed out that ---

A he asked me if it was ever discussed and I said yes. I could have objected to answering the question there because we were talking about a hypothetical discussion that took place that was never implemented and that will probably never be implemented. I can't possibly see now that affects anything.

MR. GRIFFIN: I will be glad to give you my reasoning for that.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

MR. GRIFFIN: Starting back with these old records in '77, '78 and '79 I am trying to establish a chronology and bring us up to date as to where the revisions have gone and things that have been deleted and added into the revisions of QI's. A couple of months ago that was under consideration, and I am just putting it together for historical purposes as developing the reasoning as to why things ---

THE WITNESS: But it was never implemented. It

was never changed and it was never introduced as part of the CA program at Comanche Peak. I can't possibly see how that has any impact.

MR. GRIFFIN: well, the NRC was approached to see if this idea would try. So it was formal enough to approach the NRC with it. You are right, it was not accepted by the NRC, among others.

THE WITNESS: I don't know that it was ever formally refused by the NRC, at least to my own personal information.

I really don't see where it is headed, Don. I could talk for hours and tell you the pros and tons of the issue. I could a case that it does meet Appendix B requirements and turn around and five minutes argue that it doesn't meet Appendix B requirements. As it never happened, it was never procedurally identified and it never came to pass, I just can't see where it is worth discussing.

BY MR. DRISKILL:

Q Oway. One last question. You made the statement I believe that you have got coatings inspectors working in two units.

A NO. I was using a hypothetical example to describe why we needed extra inspectors. You know, if we had three units, I would have said it takes three times as

many inspectors to cover three units as it does one.

At the time prior to bringing the craft in, we were desperately looking from one, two, three, at least four different sources that I know of, for coatings inspectors because we were literally burning the people up. They were working 60 and 70 hours a week. Some of them hadn't had a day off in a month which is inhumane and I realize that as much as any of them do. We couldn't find them quite frankly.

My job is to try to support construction, not at the cost of quality, but it construction wants to have a thousand painters and I am only geared to inspect the work of ten of them, I feel it is my obligation to try to start up and properly train and certify people to support the construction effort.

we were desperately short of people at that time. Construction was talking about essentially doubling their work force and we needed some inspection people.

Interviews were conducted with about, to the best of my recollection, 50 -- excuse me. Resumes were examined first from potential QC candidates out of the craft. I think there were about 50 resumes submitted. A certain number of those were interviewed and out of those 16 were selected as QC inspectors. It was only an effort to beef up the numbers of QC inspectors available for daily routine

1	inspections to support the ongoing construction effort and
2	to give people time off that most of them desperately
3	neeced.
4	The discussion on Unit 2 or two units, I thin
5	I used lo crews and 20 crews as an example or 400 painter
6	and 800 painters. It was strictly a hypothetical example
-	MR. DRISKILL: I have no other questions.
8	MR. GRIFFIN: Tom, have I or any other NRC
9	representative here threatened you in any manner or
10	offered you any reward in return for this statement?
11	THE WITNESS: NO.
12	MR. GRIFFIN: Have you given this statement
13	freely and voluntarily?
14	The WITNESS: I have given this statement
15	freely and voluntarily. I am not here freely and
16	voluntarily.
17	Mk. GRIFFIN: Is there anything further you
18	would care to add for the record?
19	THE WITNESS: NO.
20	MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. Thank you.
21	(whereupon, at 5:23 p.m., the INTERVIEW OF
22	CHARLES THOMAS BRANDT concluded.)
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Interview of CHARLES THOMAS BRANDT before the Office of Investigations at Texas Utility Generating Company, Comanone Peak Steam Electric Station, Glen Rose, Texas 76043, on Thursday, December 1, 1983, commencing at 1:25 p.m., was need as herein appears, and that this is the original transcript for the files of the Office of Investigations, Region IV.

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