

STATEMENT

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DATE: 10-27-83

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

I am presently employed a ~~QC~~ Brown & Root coatings QC lead inspector. I previously worked as a coatings documentation review coordinator for all coatings records made prior to 1981 as well as ongoing coatings documentation. My review lasted from February to July, 1983, and I prepared a log and wrote "PC" (protective coatings) numbers and referenced NCRs on coatings documents related to each of the areas involving painted items. These NCRs were the result of a Notice of Violation written by the NRC in 1981 for inadequate or discrepant coatings records.

When I was assigned to conduct the coatings review by Thomas Brandt, the Non-ASME supervisor the coatings records made prior to the Notice of Violation were stored in Brandt's office. I learned that Mike Foote and Richard Cummings had previously conducted a partial review of coatings records for the liver plate in reactor containment.

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During my review of liver plate records I separated the surface preparation records, primer application checklists, and the seal coat checklists, because each was covered by a different procedure. As I recorded

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the NCR numbers and "PC" numbers, I also mapped the documented inspections for the liner plate. I remember that Robert Wall helped me on my review of concrete records which is not yet completed. In my log I started with PC00001 and continued through PC03700. I divided the coatings records into groups covered by the appropriate NCRs. The NCRs were written on liner plate, cable tray hangers, pipe hangers, miscellaneous steel, conduit supports, and concrete.

My documentation review was ordered for the purpose of "house cleaning" and to make the records ready for the vault rather than reviewing them for sufficiency or adequacy. During my review I did not make any entries on the documents other than the NCR number and the "PC" number, nor did I create or add any new documentation. I do not have knowledge of anyone making additional entries or creating new documentation added to these records. I do not know of any falsification of coatings records, nor did I falsify any coatings records.

It is my understanding that ~~procedures~~ ^{backfit} have been revised for certain coatings NCRs, like the liner plate and concrete will require total backfit. Other NCRs like cable tray hangers, which have been partially backfitted

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have been accepted based on a representative sampling which established a sufficient level of confidence in the paint to forego backfit on any ¹⁰⁻²⁷⁻⁸³ additional hangers. This was accomplished through revision of the backfit procedure.

I reviewed all the documentation covered in my log, and because these records referenced an NCR and have been found to be inadequate and discrepant, they are not to be used as final coatings documentation and do not meet ANSI 101.4 standards for adequacy. My review was performed to prepare these records for placement into the vault, and not for sufficiency as a QC document. It is my understanding that because these documents are in some cases, incomplete, xeroxed, contain unidentified entries, write-out, and do not meet ANSI standards they have been logged into the vault only for historical purposes and ^{not} represented as satisfactory Quality records.

Coatings records made since 1981 and those that will be made up ¹⁰⁻²⁷⁻⁸³ until the time of room turnover, are the only acceptable Quality coatings records. The NCRs for the coatings records made prior to 1981 have not been closed and will not be closed until the backfit is completed.

I have read the foregoing statement consisting of 3 handwritten/
~~pages~~ pages. I have made and initialed any necessary corrections and have signed my name in ink in the margin of each page. I swear that the foregoing statement is true and correct. Signed on 10-27-83 at 3:42 PM
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(SIGNATURE: TYPED OR PRINTED)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of October, 1983,
at [redacted]

INVESTIGATOR: H. [redacted]
(NAME: TYPED OR PRINTED)

WITNESS:
(NAME & TITLE: TYPED OR PRINTED)

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