

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS FIELD OFFICE
REGION IV

REPORT OF INQUIRY

November 5, 1982

SUBJECT: ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN COMANCHE PEAK RADIOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS
REPORT NUMBER Q4-82-025

1. On September 29, 1982, an individual who identified himself only as "John" telephoned Mr. Robert Taylor, RRI, CPSES and made the following allegations:
 - a. Changing the film automatic processor speed so as to get the correct film density.
 - b. "T" holes in penetrameters have been reamed to a larger size to give the appearance of adequate film sensitivity.
 - c. Defective welds have been masked out when shooting adjacent thin wall repairs.
 - d. Others.

Mr. Taylor prepared a memo concerning his conversation, which includes the telephone number given by John, which is amended as Attachment (1).

2. On September 29, 1982, Mr. Taylor apprised reporting Investigator that TUGCO management at CPSES were aware that allegations were made to NRC. Mr. Taylor advised that Mr. Ron Tolson, Site QA Manager, TUGCO had learned from personnel in the Brown & Root, Inc. (B&R) Radiography Shop that an individual working there (who had previously been informed that he was to be laid-off during a reduction-in-force effective October 1, 1982) had made comments indicating his intention to make allegations to NRC.
3. On September 30, 1982, efforts were made to telephonically contact the allegor at the number he provided. These efforts were unsuccessful, insomuch as the recipient of the calls did not know "John".
4. On October 1, 1982, telephonic contact with Mr. Taylor disclosed that TUGCO representatives had talked with personnel in the B&R Radiography Shop and learned that John Cleveland had made the allegations (an individual there witnessed his call to Taylor). Mr. Taylor stated Tolson advised that Cleveland denied making any allegations to NRC. Mr. Taylor said Tolson further stated that Cleveland admitted being aware of the alleged improprieties (supra); however, he refused to discuss them or identify individuals responsible. At reporting Investigator's request, Mr. Taylor agreed to talk with Cleveland.

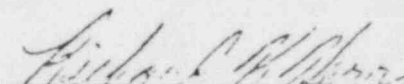
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5. On October 1, 1982, Mr. Taylor recontacted reporting Investigator and advised he had interviewed Cleveland. He stated Cleveland denied making the telephonic allegations to him and refused to provide any amplifying information concerning the improprieties. He stated Cleveland provided his mailing address as [REDACTED] (Cleveland state he does not currently have a telephone). Mr. Taylor advised that Cleveland agreed to come to the Region IV office on October 6, 1982 and talk with an NRC investigator. Mr. Taylor stated that in spite of Cleveland's denial that he made the telephonic allegations, that he recognized Cleveland's voice as that of the alleger.
6. On October 6, 1982, John Cleveland did not come to the Office of Investigations Field Office, Region IV.
7. On October 7, 1982, Mr. Taylor was advised that Cleveland had not come to OI:RIV as agreed. Mr. Taylor stated that TUGCO officials had concluded that Cleveland was a liar and stated they are not prepared to spend any time investigating the vague allegations.
8. Insomuch as Cleveland denied having made the subject allegations and failed to meet with OIFO, Region IV, representatives on October 6, 1982 as agreed, this inquiry is closed. If further information concerning this matter is received, this inquiry will be re-opened.


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Attachment (1) Taylor to Gagliardo memo/9-29-82

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