



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS FIELD OFFICE, REGION IV  
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ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011

REPORT OF INQUIRY

February 10, 1984

SUBJECT: COMANCHE PEAK STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, GLEN ROSE, TEXAS:  
RECEIPT OF INFORMATION REGARDING COMANCHE PEAK STEAM  
ELECTRIC STATION DISCOURAGING THE USE OF NONCONFORMANCE  
REPORTS

REPORT NUMBER: Q4-83-025

1. On September 25, 1983, William A. DUNHAM, former Protective Coatings Quality Control (QC) Lead Inspector, Brown & Root, Inc., (B&R), Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station (CPSSES), was interviewed by NRC Investigator D. D. DRISKILL at Cleburne, Texas. During this interview, DUNHAM provided reporting investigator with a cassette tape recording which he stated was surreptitiously recorded (by an unidentified individual) at a meeting of Protective Coatings QC inspectors held by Ronald TOLSON, Quality Assurance (QA) Supervisor, CPSSES. DUNHAM characterized the statements of TOLSON, (contained on the tape recording of TOLSON) as instructions to the QC inspectors not to submit nonconformance reports (NCRs).
2. Subsequent to receipt of the tape recording, it was transcribed (Exhibit (1)) at the NRC OI Field Office, Region IV, Arlington, Texas. TOLSON's statement on the tape relate to the methods for inspectors to document deficiencies which they identify during their coatings inspections. TOLSON instructed the inspectors to use the Inspection Report (IR) to report deficiencies rather than the NCR.
3. On January 9, 1984, William A. DUNHAM, supra, was interviewed by NRC Investigator D. D. DRISKILL at Bay City, Texas. DUNHAM was asked to read the transcript, Exhibit (1), which he stated accurately reflected the content of the tape recording. DUNHAM provided a statement, Exhibit (2), attesting to the accuracy of the transcript.
4. This information is provided to Region IV for their review, evaluation and action as deemed appropriate. The NRC Region IV Office of Investigations Field Office anticipates no further investigation of this matter.

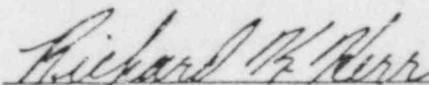
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EXHIBITS:

- (1) Transcript 9-27-83
- (2) DUNHAM's Statement 1-09-84

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