

STATEMENT

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DATE: 5-8-83

I, Donald Wayne Mason, 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.

My name is Donald Wayne Mason, and I am present employed as a general Foreman For Brown & Root, the construction contractor at the Comanche Peak Steam Generating Station For Texas Utilities Services Inc. in Somervell County, Texas. I have been employed by Brown & Root for ~~eight~~ <sup>5 1/2</sup> 7 1/2 years.

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During the middle part of 1979, I was promoted to general Foreman and placed over a hanger support crew. Bob Messerly was my foreman, and his crew drilled holes for supports through concrete using Hilti drills. Before a hole could be drilled, the Brown & Root engineers issued drawings showing where the support was to be located while a hole was being drilled through concrete. Hilti drill was used. If the crew had to get a Document Change Order (DCO) from the Gibbs & Hill contractor for the station) before we cut rebar. The Gibbs & Hill engineers evaluate the rebar to be cut then authorize the cut or make us relocate the hanger support. If the cut was authorized we used a Drilko "rebar eater" which was capable of cutting through

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the rebar.

I worked as general foreman over this crew for only two months. I do not know of any instances where holes were cut through rebar without proper authorization. I do not know of any instances where the rebar eaters were loaned out to other crews. Mike Sanders was my lead general Foreman, and I do not know of any instances where ~~he~~<sup>he</sup> told anyone to drill unauthorized holes through rebar, or where he ~~loaned out~~<sup>loaned out</sup> the rebar eaters to cut unauthorized holes. I never told anyone to cut holes with the rebar eater without proper authorization.

The first I ever heard of any unauthorized use of rebar eaters was from a statement made in the newspaper by a former Brown & Root employee. I ~~do not~~<sup>do not</sup> believe Dillingham's statement (the former Brown & Root employee) ~~was~~<sup>was</sup> true.

I have read the foregoing statement consisting of 2 handwritten/~~typed~~ pages. I have made and initialed any necessary corrections and have signed my name in ink in the margin of each page. I swear that the foregoing statement is true and correct. Signed on 5-3-83 at 10:30 am  
(date) (time)

Mike Wilson  
(SIGNATURE: TYPED OR PRINTED)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of May, 1983,  
at [redacted]

INVESTIGATOR: H. Brooks Huff  
(NAME: TYPED OR PRINTED)

WITNESS: J. J. Weston  
(NAME: TYPED OR PRINTED)