

STATEMENT

PLACE: [REDACTED]

DATE: 5-4-83

I, Charles Edward Neagle, 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 Charles Neagle, and I have been employed by Brown & Root, the construction contractor at Comanche Peak, for about four and a half years. I was hired as a pipe hanger Fitter, and worked as a Foreman on a pipe hanger crew from September 1979 until August of 1980.

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In August of 1980 I was transferred to Robert Messerly's pipe hanger crew as a Fitter. During September of 1982 I was promoted to Foreman of this crew, and Messerly was changed to the night shift. Messerly's log book was left in the shack while I was Foreman of that crew, but I started my own log.

During the time I have worked at Comanche Peak I recall ~~several~~ ^{several} hangers that have had torches used to make cuts on them.

Two of the hangers were MS 100 3010 C72K and MS 1003 007 C72K which were very large hangers that required hundreds of man hours of work. Torches were used on ~~the~~ these two hangers, but use ~~of~~ the torch was approved on a Comanche

Modification Card (CMC). recall several hangers also cut with torches without approval on a CMC for a "Field trim to suit". This meant the civil engineers gave approval to cut off excessive lengths of the hanger.

I do know of two hangers that had torches used on them without proper approval. One was a hanger in which the bolt holes were enlarged with the torch. When the engineers learned the holes had been enlarged with a torch they had the plate removed and replaced. I remember another hanger that had the holes enlarged with a torch. I do not remember who discovered it, but the hanger was replaced ~~because~~ ^{and} the cuts were not authorized.

I have agreed to locate these two hangers in the field, and am willing to identify these two hangers to the NRC. To my knowledge there are no other hangers on site that were improperly cut with a torch, or were cut without proper approval and documentation.

I have read the foregoing statement consisting of 2 ~~typed~~ ^{handwritten/} 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 5-4-83 at 10:18 AM.
(date) (time)

Charles J. [Signature]
(SIGNATURE: TYPED OR PRINTED)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of May, 1983,
at [Redacted]

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

WITNESS: J. J. [Signature]
(NAME: TYPED OR PRINTED)