

STATEMENT

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DATE: 5-3-83

I, Michael Edward Sanders, 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 have been an employee for Brown & Root, the construction contractor for the Texas Utilities Services Inc. at Comanche Peak, for eight and a half years. During 1978, I was promoted to lead general Foreman over large bore pipe hanger supports. I had James Starkey, Gerald Lemke, and Donald Mason working as general Foreman^{mlt} under me. One of the crews under my supervision was Robert Messerly's drill crew. This crew was responsible for drilling holes through concrete for Hilti Quick Bolts used for hanger supports. Messerly's crew was responsible for the use of Drilled "rebar eaters" which were used to cut through rebar.

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Hal Goodson, my super^{mlt}intendent, made Messerly's crew responsible for the use of the rebar eaters to try and insure that no unauthorized cuts were made through rebar. When the necessity of cutting through rebar occurred, a Document Change Authorization (DCA) had to be obtained from the engineers.

During the time I was the lead general Foreman, I do not know of any holes drilled without the proper DCA nor do I know of any

instances where anyone was ordered to make unauthorized cuts. I have never ordered any of my crew members to drill unauthorized holes. I do not recall any instances where any of the rebar eaters were loaned out to cut unauthorized holes. I have never threatened anyone with termination for failure to follow instructions to make unauthorized cuts through rebar.

My memory during this period in 1979 is limited, but I believe I would remember if unauthorized holes had been made with rebar eaters, or if the drills had been loaned to other crews for questionable purposes. ~~and~~ I do not recall any such instances. I do know that later on the tight control maintained over these drills eventually became more lax, but I do not know of any improper holes drilled with them. In June of 1980, I left my lead general foreman's position to become a lead welder.

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 5-5 at 11:55am.
me (date) (time)

Michael E. Sanders
(SIGNATURE: TYPED OR PRINTED)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of May, 1983,
at [REDACTED]

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

WITNESS: J. J. [REDACTED]
(NAME & TITLE: TYPED OR PRINTED)