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Mr. Ben Hayes
Director
Office of Investigations
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Comanche Peak

Dear Mr. Hayes:

Within the past week, remarkable evidence has been disclosed in the Comanche Peak licensing proceedings from the O. B. Cannon Company. This evidence necessitates our request for an OI investigation.

As you know, O. B. Cannon Company was the subcontractor hired by Texas Utilities Generating Company (TUGCo) in 1983 to help TUGCo get its paint coatings program on course. Stemming from that contract came a memorandum by one of its employees, Mr. J. J. Lipinsky, whose sharp criticisms of the program has prompted several NRC, IE, OI and NRR inspections and investigations.

As you are also aware, in the context of those investigations, Mr. Lipinsky entirely recants his previous criticisms of the plant's protective coatings program. Lipinsky's 180° turn has been unexplained until now.

We believe that OI must open an investigation into the actions by TUGCo officials to influence Mr. Lipinsky through coercion, pressure or some other measures to change his statement about Comanche Peak to the NRC investigators/inspectors. It is still unclear whether that investigation should include Mr. Lipinsky's supervisors as target or sources.

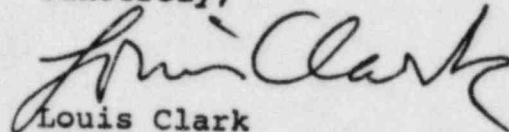
Attached to this letter is a brief filed by the intervenor Citizens Association for Sound Energy (CASE) through its counsel, in which some of the evidence of coverup and coercion are summarized. The brief itself is not intended to detail the evidence recently disclosed through the hearing process. A review of that material will itself provide the best demonstration of the actions and the efforts by TUGCo to prevent the various officials from the O. B. Cannon Company to testify honestly to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission about the nature of the problems discovered in the paint coatings department.

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A Government Accountability representative will be glad to meet with any of your Washington agents to inform them of the specific nature of the evidence developed to date in the licensing proceedings on this issue, and to also provide them with the names of other personnel who we believe have further evidence regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Louis Clark
Director

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