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MEMORANDUM FOR: John T. Collins, Regional Administrator
Region IV

FROM: Ben B. Hayes, Director *J. X. Haas FOR*
Office of Investigations

SUBJECT: COMANCHE PEAK STEAM ELECTRIC STATION: SUSPECTED
FALSIFICATION OF QUALITY CONTROL RECORDS (4-83-011)

Enclosed is the Office of Investigations' report of investigation regarding the suspected falsification and/or alteration of coatings quality control (QC) records which were generated prior to April 1981. This allegation was based upon the existence of xeroxed copies of inspection records which also contained white-out and additional penned entries; and the supposition that QC supervisors who had recently conducted a review of the records were responsible.

The ~~investigation established there was no violation of procedures~~ since the use of xeroxed copies of inspection checklists was an accepted practice prior to April 1981, and the added penned entries were attributed to QC inspection personnel who had regularly assisted an inspector who was chronically deficient in completing his paperwork.

Interviews revealed there was minimal emphasis placed on coatings QC documentation prior to the issuance of the NRC's 1981 Notice of Violation for inadequate coatings inspection documentation. Further, in some instances, the QC supervisors who reviewed the coatings inspection records to determine the adequacy of existing documentation, incorporated additional documentation into the inspection packages. Accordingly, in view of the current consultant contract Region IV has with Brookhaven, it is recommended that the consultant be apprised of the inconsistencies in the coatings inspection records which have been evaluated as satisfactory by the QC supervisors during their review. In this regard, it is suggested that the adequacy of the accepted coatings inspection records be examined by Brookhaven since these areas were exempted from the two and one half year backfit conducted by the Utility.

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