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DATE: June 29, 1984

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

TITLE: WOLF CREEK NUCLEAR POWER STATION;
ALLEGED INTIMIDATION OF QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTOR

SUPPLEMENTAL NO. DN 50-482

CASE NUMBER: 4-84-003

CONTROL OFFICE: OI FIELD OFFICE: REGION IV STATUS: CLOSED

PERIOD OF INVESTIGATION: January 10, 1983 - March 9, 1984

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SUMMARY

An allegation was received by the Office of Investigations Field Office, Region IV, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), that a Daniel International Corporation (DI) Quality Control (QC) inspector at the Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Burlington, Kansas, had been intimidated by a DI senior QC supervisor. The alleged intimidation caused the DI QC inspector to terminate his employment because his freedom to report nonconforming conditions had been eliminated.

The DI QC inspector was interviewed and stated that he had been the subject of a meeting wherein a DI senior QC supervisor made intimidating statements to him, including the statement, "Cooperate with construction." The DI QC inspector stated that he performed all his inspection duties in a proper manner; however, he voluntarily terminated his employment 23 days after the date the alleged intimidation occurred because he believed that his freedom to report nonconforming conditions had been eliminated.

A DI QC lead hanger inspector who was a witness to the alleged act of intimidation and who kept a diary of the incident was interviewed. This QC lead hanger inspector provided the diary to the reporting investigator. The diary reflects the date the meeting took place and the quotes and comments that were made by the DI senior QC supervisor to the DI QC inspector. The quoted wording contained in the diary is, "Everyone in this seg. will cooperate, including craft" (the word "including" was written using a shorthand symbol) and "These welds will not be held up over nitpick problems."

The DI senior QC supervisor who allegedly made the intimidating statements was interviewed and denied making any intimidating statements to the DI QC inspector in question. The DI senior QC supervisor stated that statements like, "Cooperate with construction" or any other statements of that type would, if stated by a supervisor in his position, be intimidating to QC personnel.

Subsequently, this same DI senior QC supervisor was reinterviewed at his own request the next day and admitted making the following statement to the DI QC inspector in question, "There is no room in this organization for people who

cannot work together;" however, he denied making the statement, "Cooperate with construction." The DI senior QC supervisor denied attempting to intimidate the DI QC inspector, even though he acknowledged that a statement like "cooperate with construction" is an intimidating statement.

The DI project QC inspection manager who is the DI senior QC supervisor's immediate supervisor was interviewed and stated he was aware that a meeting occurred between a QC inspector and the senior QC supervisor; however, he denied having any other knowledge concerning the meeting.