

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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Service Commission

STATE CONTROL NO.: 05 362 024 074
REPORTING OFFICER: SERGEANT T. L. BREEN 0297
OCC TYPE: TAUM SAUK RESERVOIR BREACH
COUNTY: REYNOLDS
DATE/TIME: DECEMBER 14, 2005
OFFENSE STATUS: INVESTIGATION CONTINUING
LOCATION: LESTERVILLE
REPORT DATE: 04/04/07
TROOP OF OCCURRENCE: G
SCENE PROCESSED: N
DDCC AT SCENE: N

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

INTERVIEW OF WARREN A. WITT

Staff Exhibit No. 29
Case No(s) ES-2007-047
Date 8/2/07 Rptr MU

1. On April 4, 2007, Sergeant Mark Dochterman and myself interviewed Warren Witt, an employee of Ameren, regarding the breach of the upper reservoir at the Taum Sauk facility.

2. On April 4, 2007, Warren Witt was interviewed regarding the upper reservoir breach at Taum Sauk, at a private office in the Ameren Headquarters building, St. Louis, Missouri. Also present for the interview was Ameren attorney Lisa Pake. Witt resides at [REDACTED]

3. Witt is the supervisor of the hydro electric facilities owned by Ameren at Osage, Keokuk, and Taum Sauk, and was in that same position at the time of the upper reservoir breach. He noted he had only been in that position prior to the breach since about the latter part of September 2005. He has been with Ameren for twenty-four years and is a mechanical engineer by profession.

4. Witt was presented with several copies of emails previously provided by Ameren, where he was either the author of the email or was a receipt of the email, related to the Taum Sauk facility. The emails were identified by a number assigned by Ameren and are referred to by that unique number (e.g. SHP 0000).

5. He stated regarding email number SHP 1599, dated November 23, 2005, regarding the Spring outages, from Steve Bluemner to him. He stated within two weeks of taking over the position, he was involved in discussions regarding the level gauge piping problems within this email. He knew Rick Cooper was involved with working on the diver and load dispatch, as well as engineering on the construction of the new anchoring system. He stated it was scheduled prior to the 2006 Spring outage.

6. He viewed email number SHP 4126-28, dated October 11, 2006, from Rick Cooper to him, regarding the gauge piping. He noted he was not yet completely on board as Cooper's supervisor, so it was more of a FYI and that he supervised Osage and Taum Sauk and it was operated from there. At that time, they didn't think it was a serious problem as it may have been. He noted the vibration had no significance to the

breach.

7. He viewed email number SHP 4156-57, dated November 11, 2005, regarding the controls upgrade project. He stated he conversed with Mike Wehry and gained a comfort level with the replacing of Tom Pierie.

8. He viewed email number SHP 6729-30, was direct response to an email. He noted that Taum Sauk ran more the last five years (prior to the breach) than it had in the previous thirty-five years. This was after the turbine upgrade and the differences in the power markets.

9. He viewed email number SHP 6738-40, regarding the Spring 2006 outages. He stated it contained a discussion about holding off the gauge piping until the Spring outage, and he specifically remembered he decided not to hold off until then. He noted cost was never a factor in the gauge piping.

10. He viewed email number SHP 6755-60, dated December 14, 2005, regarding the breach and trends. It was copied to him. He noted he was off that day for a funeral.

11. He viewed email number SHP 7263-64, dated September 28, 2005, regarding the wave action at the upper reservoir, and it was copied to him. He noted that somewhere between October 6, 2005, through October 8, 2005, it was determined it wasn't just the wind, that it also involved gauge piping issues. He stated he did not know anything about the 4" fudge factor or the water being so close to the top of the wall.

12. Witt stated he had the decision making in the ultimate repair, and he said no to waiting until the Spring outage. He was not involved in how to fix the problem. He stated the main reason for not waiting was the situation was degraded. He noted ~~the main~~ ^{the 2005} reason he was "promoted" to supervising the three plants was to increase the standards in the hydro and fossil fueled plants based on his prior work with the nuclear plants and their higher standards.

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