MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

STATE CONTROL NO.: 05 362 024 051

REPORTING OFFICER: SERGEANT T. L. BREEN

OCC TYPE: TAUM SAUK RESERVOIR BREACH

COUNTY:

REYNOLDS

DATE/TIME:

OFFENSE STATUS:

DECEMBER 14, 2005

LOCATION:

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING

LESTERVILLE

REPORT DATE: 03/17/06

0297 TROOP OF OCCURRENCE: G

SCENE PROCESSED: N

DDCC AT SCENE: N

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DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

INTERVIEW OF WARREN A. WITT

- 1. On March 17, 2006, I interviewed Warren Witt, manager of hydro operations for Ameren, at the Bagnell Dam facility, regarding the Taum Sauk reservoir breach.
- 2. On March 17, 2006, Warren Witt was interviewed regarding the Taum Sauk reservoir breach. Mr. Witt supervises the Taum Sauk facility and began that job on November 1, 2005. He has been employed with Ameren for twenty-two years, and has a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Mr. Robert Harr, an attorney for Ameren, was also present for the interview.
- 3. Mr. Witt resides at and his date of birth is He stated he arrived at the Taum Sauk reservoir on the evening of December 14, 2005, but it was late and he did not actually see the reservoir until the morning of December 15, 2005. He was asked about information he had provided to various people on site after the breach, regarding boulders being strewn on the roadway of the reservoir, apparently a result of the overtopping. He stated it would have been employees of a contract company used by Ameren by the name of Lowana (phonetic) from Bismark, Missouri, or operating engineers at the plant. It was his understanding the rocks were big enough to pickup by hand and they EMPRV were below panel forty-six. He was also asked about the list, which is the log detailing any work requested or done at the facility (specifically the entry on December 13, 2005) related to fiber optic wiring from the gauge house to the plant, and it being completed. He was not aware of the specific entry. He made contact with Jeff Scott, the Ameren Taum Sauk facility, and was advised Mr. Scott believed he had made the entry in an effort to close out the job, and it was not completed on December 13, 2005. He noted this is a common practice to close something out, well after it is done, to keep the paperwork in order. Mr. Scott advised this particular job was a controls upgrade, changing from a radio signal system to hard wire, and it dealt with the level instrument reading in the reservoir and their transmission to the power plant. He believed that Fields and Sons Company, from the State of Oklahoma, were the installers.
- 4. Mr. Witt could not provide any further information.



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