

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

In the Matter of:                    )  
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Miami, Florida

Tuesday,  
June 5, 2003

The above-entitled matter came on for the  
Interview of Stanislaw Puchalski, pursuant to Notice,  
at 11:20 a.m.

APPEARANCES:

For the National Transportation Safety Board:

TOM ROTH-ROFFY  
BRIAN CURTIS

For the United States Coast Guard:

KEN OLSEN

For the Bureau of Veritas:

MICHEL LAMBERT

For Norwegian Cruise Lines:

JOHN RILEY

Also Present:

DAN FARKAS

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WITNESS:

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Stanislaw Puchalski - by Mr. Roth-Roffy

## P R O C E E D I N G S

11:20 a.m.

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3 Whereupon,

4 STANISLAW PUCHALSKI

5 having been first duly sworn, was called as a witness  
6 herein and was examined and testified as follows:

7 **\*\*MISSING PORTION, END OF FERRER RECORDED OVER**  
8 **BEGINNING OF PUCHALSKI**

9 MR. ROTH-ROFFY: Let's take just a 30-second  
10 pause.

11 (Off the record discussion.)

12 MR. ROTH-ROFFY: Okay. We had a brief pause  
13 to locate a drawing and we're back on the record. Ken  
14 Olsen?

15 BY MR. OLSEN:

16 Q I'm not sure where you indicated you welded.  
17 Could you show me where you might have welded on here.

18 MR. FARKAS: Let's take a look. For the  
19 record, you're showing him what?

20 MR. OLSEN: It's a side view of the boiler.  
21 It would look like the starboard aft boiler, if you  
22 were looking aft to forward, I believe. This would be  
23 the steam drum, this is the mud drum, this is the water  
24 wall.

25 THE WITNESS: This welding, this is after

1 this pipe, yes or no?

2 BY MR. OLSEN:

3 Q Is it the pipe with the holes in the top?  
4 Did it have holes in the top?

5 A Wait a minute. No. This is -- this is and  
6 down this pipe.

7 Q And down?

8 A There is no pipe on the --

9 Q Underneath?

10 A Yes, underneath. Looking there, this pipe,  
11 is plug afterward.

12 Q And you weld that around. Have you ever  
13 welded on the drum? Have you ever welded in the drum,  
14 the seam along the edge? Have you ever welded that  
15 area?

16 A No, no, no, no.

17 Q No?

18 A No, no, no. Only this is plug, only this  
19 plug, nothing pipe weldings were needed.

20 Q Do you know who might have welded these areas  
21 along these edges?

22 A No. No, no. (Inaudible) only this plug.  
23 There's no welding this pipe, no welding here, nothing.  
24 (Inaudible).

25 Q Has anybody asked you not to weld or not to

1 indicate that any welding took place on there?

2 A Only this plug.

3 Q Only the plug?

4 A Yeah, only this plug. That's all the welding  
5 we did.

6 Q Does the other Stanislaw, does he weld in  
7 here?

8 A No, no, no, no. Is me only. Stanislaw and  
9 other people no certificate from welding. No, nothing.

10 Q What is the number of the rod that you use on  
11 the plug, 60/11, 60/13?

12 MR. ROTH-ROFFY: Let him answer. Don't give  
13 him choices, let him answer.

14 THE WITNESS: I don't know what you --

15 BY MR. OLSEN:

16 Q Welding rod, there's a number, maybe -- I'm  
17 just guessing. What number on the welding rod, the  
18 electrode, do you remember?

19 A I don't know what you mean.

20 Q Have you ever used a torch inside the drums,  
21 an oxygen acetylene torch?

22 A Sir, I do not understand.

23 Q Gas.

24 A No, no, no, no.

25 Q Electrode?

1 A Electrode, yes.

2 Q Only?

3 A Only.

4 Q Have you or do you know if anyone has  
5 recently worked on piping associated with the boiler?

6 A I'm sorry, I just don't know.

7 Q Piping maybe coming off the drum, piping over  
8 here maybe, coming off. Has anybody worked on any  
9 piping welding?

10 A No, no, no, no. Only these plugs.

11 Q Only the plugs?

12 A Yes. Only these plugs, nothing. No.

13 Q Nothing else?

14 A Yes.

15 MR. OLSEN: Okay, that's it. Thank you.

16 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

17 MR. ROTH-ROFFY: Anybody else?

18 MR. RILEY: John Riley.

19 EXAMINATION

20 BY MR. RILEY:

21 Q Sketching a second through the header and the  
22 pipe, can you show us please where you put the plug and  
23 where you weld?

24 A This is a tube.

25 MR. FARKAS: This is this, same thing. He

1 wants to see where the plug is and then were do you put  
2 your bead? Maybe we'll put a plug in, is that okay,  
3 John?

4 MR. RILEY: Yes.

5 MR. FARKAS: You put the plug in like this,  
6 right?

7 THE WITNESS: Yes.

8 MR. FARKAS: Show where we weld.

9 THE WITNESS: This is pipe. Only this pipe.

10 BY MR. RILEY:

11 Q That is where you weld? That is where you  
12 put the welding?

13 A I don't know how many centimeters after this  
14 plug, because the welding is no problem.

15 Q Mr. Puchalski has shown us the bead of  
16 welding at the interface, so to speak, between the tube  
17 and the plug.

18 MR. ROTH-ROFFY: Okay. It's about 2:00.  
19 That will conclude our interview of first repairman  
20 Stanislaw Puchalski. Thank you, sir, very much.

21 (Whereupon, at 2:00 the interview was  
22 concluded.)