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SUBJECT: WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT: DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A CONTRACT
EMPLOYEE FOR RAISING SAFETY CONCERNS. OFFICE OF
INVESTIGATIONS CASE NUMBER 2-2011-031

Dear Mr. Skaggs:

Enclosed for your information is the synopsis of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Investigations' (OI) completed report regarding potential discrimination against a contract employee for raising safety concerns.

OI determined that there was insufficient evidence to substantiate the allegation that a Senior Pipe Support Engineer, Bechtel Power Corporation (Bechtel), working at the TVA Watts Bar Nuclear Plant was discriminated against for reporting safety concerns. We plan no further action with regard to this matter. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

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Sincerely,

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Robert C. Haag, Chief
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Enclosure: Investigative Synopsis, OI Case No. 2-2011-031

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on March 14, 2011, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), Region II (RII), to determine whether a Senior Pipe Support Engineer, Bechtel Power Corporation (Bechtel), working at the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBN) was discriminated against for reporting safety concerns.

Based on the evidence developed, this investigation did not substantiate the allegation that a Senior Pipe Support Engineer, Bechtel Power Corporation (Bechtel), working at the TVA WBN was discriminated against for reporting safety concerns.

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