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Comments on the Allegations Program
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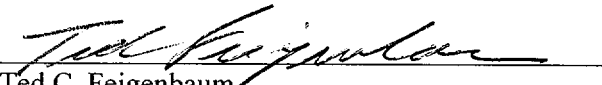
This letter provides the North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation (North Atlantic) response to the request for comment on the proposed improvements to the NRC's process for handling allegations. Notice of the opportunity to comment was published in the Federal Register on February 9, 2000 (65 Fed. Reg. 6399).


North Atlantic has reviewed the comments submitted separately by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on behalf of the nuclear energy industry and endorses those comments. North Atlantic commends this NRC initiative and believes a risk-informed approach is the appropriate means for handling allegation issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important initiative. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Mr. James M. Peschel, Regulatory Programs Manager, at (603) 773-7194.

Very truly yours,

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