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South Carolina Electric and Gas Company
ATTN: Mr. Stephen A. Byrne
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Jenkinsville, South Carolina 29065

SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS CASE NO. 2-2000-005

Dear Mr. Byrne:

Enclosed for your information is the synopsis to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI) completed report regarding alleged discrimination against a V.C. Summer Process Control Analyst because the individual had engaged in activity protected under Section 211 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974. The OI investigation did not substantiate that South Carolina Electric and Gas Company illegally discriminated against the employee for reporting safety concerns. We plan no further action with regard to this matter.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at 404-562-4421.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Anne T. Boland, Enforcement Officer
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SYNOPSIS

The Office of Investigations (OI), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Region II, initiated this investigation on March 8, 2000, to determine whether South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (SCE&G), an NRC licensee, illegally discriminated against a Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station process analyst because he engaged in activity protected under Section 211 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended, and 10 CFR 50.7.

Based upon evidence developed during this investigation, OI did not substantiate that SCE&G illegally discriminated against the employee for reporting safety concerns.

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