



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

611 RYAN PLAZA DRIVE, SUITE 400
ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011-8064

March 15, 1999

[Redacted]

EX 67C

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SUBJECT: ALLEGATION NO. [Redacted] EX 67C

Dear Mr. [Redacted] EX 67C

This letter refers to your February 9, 1999, letter to the NRC in which you alleged that you have been the subject of discrimination following a return to work at the Rancho Seco facility. The NRC Region IV Allegation Review Board concluded that this concern should be reviewed as a new allegation and not as part of Allegation No. [Redacted] EX 67C

The Enclosure, "Statement of Concern," to this letter documents our understanding of your concern. We will initiate actions to examine the facts and circumstances of your concern. Therefore, if we have misunderstood or mischaracterized your concern as described in the Enclosure, please contact me so that we can assure that the concern is adequately addressed prior to the completion of our review.

In my July 30, 1998, letter to you, pertaining to Allegation No. [Redacted] provided you an NRC brochure entitled, "Reporting Safety Concerns to the NRC". It includes information on the allegation process, identity protection, and the processing of claims for discrimination against workers, handled by the Department of Labor. Should you need another copy, please contact me. EX 67C

Should you have any additional questions, or if I can be of further assistance in this matter, please call me on the NRC Safety Hotline at (800)695-7403.

Sincerely,

Russell Wise
Russell Wise
Senior Allegations Coordinator

Enclosure:
As stated

cc w/Enclosure:
Allegation File

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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STATEMENT OF CONCERN

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[REDACTED]

Allegedly:

1. On January 13, 1999, [REDACTED] threatened to terminate your employment if he found out that you had reported a plant problem directly to the NRC without first writing a Potential Deviation from Quality (PDQ) report. Mr. [REDACTED] insisted that this was a condition the General Manager imposed on you for continued employment. Ex 68
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2. [REDACTED] informed you that he had suffered discrimination for having reported a safety concern with a planned release of liquid effluent water from the Rancho Seco facility. Ex 68
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