



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION II  
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER  
61 FORSYTH STREET, SW, SUITE 23T85  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-3415

February 5, 1998

**FILE COPY**

[Redacted] 7C

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION REPORT RII-1998-A-0011

Dear [Redacted] 7C

This letter refers to your communications with [Redacted] 7C  
[Redacted] on [Redacted] in which you expressed concerns related to  
Carolina Power and Light (CP&L) company's Shearon Harris facility. You were  
concerned about real causes and root causes not always being addressed in  
licensee Condition Report (CR) investigations.

The enclosure to this letter documents your concern as we understand it. We  
have initiated actions to develop and 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 it is adequately addressed prior to the completion of our review.

In my earlier letter to you dated August 1, 1997, pertaining to allegation  
number RII-1997-A-0153, I 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.

If a request is filed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) related to  
your areas of concern, the information provided will, to the extent consistent  
with that act, be purged of names and other potential identifiers. Finally,  
you are not considered a confidential source unless an explicit request of  
confidentiality has been formally granted in writing.

Thank you for notifying us of your concern. We will advise you when we have  
completed our review of this matter. However, should you have any questions  
or comments, during the interim regarding this matter, please call me toll-  
free at 1-800-577-8510 during the office hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. or  
respond in writing. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 845, Atlanta, GA 30301.

Sincerely,

*Algis J. Ignatonis*  
Al Ignatonis,

Senior Allegations Coordinator  
Enforcement and Investigation  
Coordination Staff

In accordance with the Freedom of Information  
Act, exemptions 7C  
FOIA- 2001-0130

Enclosure: As stated

Certified Mail Number: P 154 567 879  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

DHS

RII-1998-A-0011

CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY (CP&L)

SHEARON HARRIS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

STATEMENT OF CONCERNS

REAL CAUSES AND ROOT CAUSES ARE NOT ALWAYS BEING ADDRESSED FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO REASONS:

SUPERVISORS ARE ALLOWED AND OFTEN ENCOURAGED TO DO CONDITION REPORT (CR) INVESTIGATIONS FOR THEIR OWN ERRORS. AT TIMES THEY COUNSEL THEMSELVES AS CORRECTIVE ACTION. THIS MAY BE ONE REASON THE CR PROGRAM IS INEFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING ERROR RECURRENCE.

CR INVESTIGATION RESULTS ARE OFTEN TURNED DOWN BY MANAGEMENT IF THEY MAKE MANAGEMENT LOOK UNFAVORABLE [REDACTED]

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