

**From:** Joseph Joyce, NRC/NRR  
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Mary Kay,

One of our action items from the ARB meeting was to inform OI of our determination regarding the safety significance of the allegers concerns. Last week we talked to two experts and they both agreed that the techniques employed for texture analysis cannot inadvertently be used to qualify substandard material. Therefore, we concluded that the issues identified by the allegor are not important to safety.

With this conclusion, we not going to do a referral to GE Nuclear or an interview with the allegor. Our next action item is to send a closeout letter to the allegor stating that his concerns are not safety significant and out basis for that determination.

I will also send you a copy of our "Note to File" documenting our conversations with the experts.

Thanks, Joe

**CC:** Fiona Tobler, Gregory Cwalina, James Lucey, Jos...

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