

September 10, 2001

Mr. R. P. Powers  
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Dear Mr. Powers:

SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NUMBERS 3-2000-037 AND  
3-2000-053

This letter refers to two investigations conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI). The first investigation was conducted to determine if an individual deliberately changed a document associated with a 10 CFR 50.59 review to show that the design change was not an unreviewed safety question. The second investigation was conducted to determine if an individual deliberately falsified documents so that a Final Safety Analysis change was made without a safety evaluation. Based on the evidence developed during the investigations, we did not substantiate these issues. The synopsis from the investigation reports are enclosed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact James Heller or Andrea Kock of the NRC Region III staff at telephone numbers 1-800-522-3025 or (630) 829-9500.

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Sincerely,

John A. Grobe, Director  
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-315; 50-316  
License Nos. DPR-58; DPR-74  
Enclosure: As stated

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### SYNOPSIS (3-2000-053)

This investigation was initiated on December 11, 2000, by the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations, Region III, to determine if the Director of Regulatory Affairs at the D.C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant deliberately compromised the 10 CFR 50.59 review process.

Based upon evidence developed during this investigation, it was not substantiated that the Director of Regulatory Affairs deliberately compromised the 10 CFR 50.59 review process.

### SYNOPSIS (3-2000-037)

This case was initiated by the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations, Region III, on September 13, 2000, regarding an allegation that an Operations Procedure Writer at the D.C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant had deliberately falsified management signatures on a change order to Procedure 02-OHP-4021.082.001.

Based upon evidence developed during the investigation, it was determined that the Operations Procedure Writer did not deliberately falsify management signatures on a change order to Procedure 02-OHP-4021.082.001.