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Mr. Bryce L. Shriver
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Dear Mr. Shriver:

The Region I Field Office of the NRC Office of Investigations (OI), initiated an investigation (OI Case #1-2001-012) on April 23, 2001, to determine whether a Pennsylvania Power & Light (PPL) engineer at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station was discriminated against because of recommendations he made about the turbine slide bearings and writing a condition report about a cracked area of the floor off the high pressure turbine. The engineer also cited his involvement in an emergency evacuation/bridge issue years earlier as contributing to PP&L's decision to fire him. Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, OI did not substantiate that PP&L management terminated the engineer for raising a concern regarding the turbine slide bearings and writing condition report on a cracked area of floor off the high pressure turbine in 1999, or his involvement in the emergency evacuation/bridge issue. A copy of the synopsis of OI Report 1-2001-0012 is enclosed for your information.

Please note that final NRC documents, such as the OI report described above, may be made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) subject to redaction of information appropriate under the FOIA. Requests under the FOIA should be made in accordance with 10 CFR 9.23, Requests for Records, a copy of which is enclosed for your information.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Dr. M. Shanbaky, of my staff, at (610) 337-5209.

Sincerely,

/RA/

A. Randolph Blough, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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SYNOPSIS

On April 23, 2001, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI), Region I (RI), initiated this investigation to determine whether a Pennsylvania Power & Light (PP&L) engineer at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station was discriminated against because of recommendations he/she made about the turbine slide bearings and writing a condition report about a cracked area of the floor off the high pressure turbine. The engineer also cited his/her involvement in an emergency evacuation/bridge issue years earlier as contributing to PP&L's decision to fire him/her.

Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, OI did not substantiate that PP&L management terminated the engineer for raising a concern regarding the turbine slide bearings and writing a condition report on a cracked area of floor off the high pressure turbine in 1999, or for his/her involvement in the emergency evacuation/bridge issue.

Case No. 1-2001-012