SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations (OI), Region I Field Office, on January 5, 2002, to determine if a former Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center health physics technician was discriminated against for engaging in protected activity. Specifically, the technician reported that after complaining about a supervisor's lack of response to his/her safety concerns, he/she was given unreasonably short deadlines, which ultimately resulted in his/her receipt of a written reprimand for not meeting the deadlines.

Based upon the interview of the former health physics technician, OI and Regional Counsel have concluded that there does not appear to be any nexus between the adverse action and protected activity. Consequently, this investigation is closed as unsubstantiated.

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