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Dear Mr. Dreyfuss:

The NRC Office of Investigations (OI) initiated an investigation on January 31, 2002, to determine whether a University of Connecticut tenured professor was discriminated against for having raised radiological safety concerns regarding his laboratory. Specifically, the professor felt that he was being placed on leave in January 2000, given an April 14, 2000, letter of reprimand, placed on leave again on December 31, 2001, and threatened with dismissal, in part, for having raised safety concerns. The investigation did not substantiate discrimination in this case. A copy of the synopsis of the OI Report (1-2002-005) is enclosed.

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

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Ms. Pamela Henderson, of my staff, at (610) 337-6952.

Sincerely,

Francis Costello for

George Pangburn, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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