

November 29, 2002

Mr. A. C. Bakken III
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Dear Mr. Bakken:

As a result of a concern that a former Principal Nuclear Specialist was discriminated against for raising a safety concern, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Region III Office of Investigations (OI) recently conducted an investigation regarding this matter.

The NRC has completed its investigation into these matters. Based on the results of its investigation, the NRC did not substantiate that the former Principal Nuclear Specialist was discriminated against for raising a safety concern. A copy of the OI report synopsis is enclosed. This concludes the NRC's investigation into this matter.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact James Heller or Ryan Alexander of the NRC Region III staff at telephone number (630) 829-9500.

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Sincerely,

/RA/ Roy J. Caniano for

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Division of Reactor Safety

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on October 15, 2001, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations, Region III, to determine if a former Principal Nuclear Specialist working at the D.C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant was discriminated against for raising a safety concern.

Based on the evidence developed, the investigation did not substantiate the allegation of discrimination against the former Principal Nuclear Specialist.