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NEPC 2206 PETITION - GE AND ADECCO

Mr. Goldberg:

As you are aware, NEPC through its undersigned executive director is currently prosecuting a whistleblower case against GE and Adecco. During the discovery phase of this Department of Labor ("DOL") proceeding, NEPC learned that Adecco does not provide its workforce with information about their rights under the Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA") to raise safety and health concerns to any government agency nor does Adecco provide its workforce with any materials describing the employees' right to contact OSHA or to contact the NRC or to contact any government agency about safety and health concerns. Even more alarming is the fact that Adecco apparently does not provide its employees with information about their rights to file a complaint with OSHA if they believe that they have been unfairly discriminated against or fired because they raised safety concerns to their employer under the applicable EPA, OSHA or NRC statutes, NEPC is gravely concerned that Adecco employees may NOT be aware of their rights to contact the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") about safety concerns. In addition, NEPC is gravely concerned that Adecco employees may not be aware of their right to file a complaint of discrimination under the Energy Reorganization Act ("ERA") with OSHA. To this extent, NEPC is further concerned that OSHA lacks sufficient resources to complete a comprehensive investigation within the statutory time frame under the ERA. NEPC has recently spoken with OSHA investigator Dennis Russell with respect to the strained resources of OSHA and believes that Mr. Russell concurs with NEPC's concerns in this area.

Therefore, in consideration of all of the above safety issues, NEPC requests that this email letter communication to the NRC be accepted and considered by the NRC PRB as a supplemental petition to NEPC's initial petition currently before the NRC PRB. To this extent, NEPC strongly suggests that the NRC obtain a copy of Adecco documents identified as ADECCO 00031 to 00058. In addition, NEPC also directs the NRC's attention to Adecco documents on the Internet at http://www.usadecco.com/associates/forms.html and strongly suggests that the NRC compare the two documents accordingly in their assessment.

Thus, NEPC requests that the NRC act to require Adecco Technical and Adecco North America and Adecco, Inc. to promptly and clearly advise its entire workforce in writing about their rights under the ERA to bring safety concerns to the attention of the NRC or to OSHA and about their right to file a complaint with OSHA under the ERA.

Should you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, Thomas

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