

August 28, 2003

Mr. L. William Pearce
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Dear Mr. Pearce:

The Region I Field Office of the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) initiated an investigation on April 24, 2001, (Case No. 1-2001-014) to determine if an Instant Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) candidate had been discriminated against by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) for engaging in protected activities. Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, OI did not substantiate that FENOC discriminated against the Instant SRO candidate for engaging in protected activities. We established that the Instant SRO candidate did engage in protected activity by raising concerns about the ability to complete On-the-Job Training/Task Performance Evaluation (OJT/TPE) requirements. However, we were unable to establish that the individual's employment was terminated as a result of raising the concern about OJT/TPE. A copy of the synopsis of OI Report 1-2001-014 is enclosed for your information.

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Mr. P. Eselgroth of my staff at (610) 337-5234.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
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The Region I Field Office of the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) initiated an investigation (Case No. 1-2001-014) to determine if an Instant Senior Reactor Operator (ISRO) candidate had been discriminated against by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) for engaging in protected activities.

Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, OI did not substantiate that FENOC discriminated against the ISRO for engaging in protected activities.