

December 23, 2004

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Dear Gary:

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Your interactions with the Commission were in a straight forward and professional manner, and you provided positive and constructive suggestions in addressing plant specific and generic industry issues and activities. You have played an important role in shaping the course of nuclear power in the United States and these efforts have made a positive contribution to improvements in the nuclear power industry in the United States.

Again I congratulate you on your retirement and wish you well in the future.

Sincerely,

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NOTE TO: Ellis W. Merschoff

FROM: Jack Donohew

SUBJECT: LETTER TO GARY RANDOLPH ON HIS UPCOMING RETIREMENT

The letter is from you to Gary Randolph congratulating him on his upcoming retirement. The letter will be put in the PDR.