

Memorandum to File

RE: Telephone Conversation between SA Rzepka and [REDACTED]

Date: September 11, 2002

Topic: OI Investigation 1-2002-033

Details:

On the evening of September 11, 2002, [REDACTED] was telephonically contacted at residence by SA Rzepka, NRC OI:RI. The purpose of the telephone call was to attempt to arrange for the interview of [REDACTED] in order to initiate the above captioned investigation. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] has shared [REDACTED] potential discrimination concerns with the PSEG Nuclear Employee Concerns Program (ECP). [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] submitted to a transcribed interview conducted by ECP and was awaiting the outcome. Although [REDACTED] detected a potential bias held by ECP toward plant management, [REDACTED] advised that at this time [REDACTED] would like to allow the ECP to complete their investigation. [REDACTED] maintained that it would not be healthy for [REDACTED] from a stress perspective to be interviewed by OI at this time and was unsure of the NRC allegations process.

[REDACTED] initially raised [REDACTED] allegation to Joe SCHOPPY, Senior Resident Inspector, Hope Creek, and thought that [REDACTED] information would not be disseminated beyond SCHOPPY. SA Rzepka advised [REDACTED] that SCHOPPY was obligated to share the information with NRC R:I and that the information was presented during an Allegation Review Board (ARB). [REDACTED] was further advised that during the ARB it was decided that there was sufficient information available that warranted his [REDACTED] interview. SA Rzepka explained that should [REDACTED] desire to be interviewed, [REDACTED] interview transcript would be forwarded to Dave VITO, R:I Senior Allegations Coordinator for further review. [REDACTED] expressed an unsureness if [REDACTED] had a valid discrimination complaint and would like to discuss this further with the Allegations Coordinator.

[REDACTED] asked SA Rzepka a number of questions concerning the allegations process to include the request for a estimate of the percentage of similar cases that are substantiated. SA Rzepka advised [REDACTED] that every investigation had unique facts and circumstances and without any further specific information regarding [REDACTED] issue, it would be very difficult to predict an outcome. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] wanted to achieve a better comfort level or feel for the NRC process before initiating an allegation. SA Rzepka advised [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] could speak to VITO regarding the allegations process and was advised that the investigation could not move forward without [REDACTED] cooperation. On September 12, 2002, SA Rzepka provided [REDACTED] with VITO's office phone number. The NRC OI R:I FOD was briefed concerning the above details on September 12, 2002. Sharon JOHNSON, NRC R:I Allegations Office was briefed concerning the above events and would advise VITO to expect the pending contact from [REDACTED].

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