

October 6, 2005

Mr. Dennis L. Koehl
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Nuclear Management Company, LLC
6590 Nuclear Road
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SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 3-2004-025

Dear Mr. Koehl:

This letter refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI) to determine if a lead auxiliary operator at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant was discriminated against for raising safety concerns. Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, we did not substantiate the issue. The synopsis from the OI report of investigation is enclosed.

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

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Sincerely,

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Mark A. Satorius, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Docket Nos. 50-266; 50-301
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Enclosure: OI Synopsis

cc w/enclosure: AMS File No. RIII-2004-A-0077

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**For permission to release OI synopsis.

ENCLOSURE

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations, Region III, on September 8, 2004, to determine if a Lead Auxiliary Operator at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant was discriminated against for raising safety concerns.

Based upon the evidence developed, the investigation did not substantiate the allegation that a Lead Auxiliary Operator at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant was discriminated against for raising safety concerns.