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June 28, 2006

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Sincerely,

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on May 25, 2005, by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), Region II, to determine whether a former Quality Assurance Engineer (QAE) at the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) operated Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (SQN), was discriminated against for engaging in protected activity. The QAE's stated protected activity was relative to his/her participation in an assessment of management and identification of a declining safety culture subsequent to a main generator hydrogen leak event at SQN Unit 2 in December 2003.

Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, OI:RII did not substantiate that the Quality Assurance Engineer (QAE) was discriminated against for raising nuclear safety concerns.

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