

September 13, 2006

Mr. T. Palmisano  
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Nuclear Management Company, LLC  
1717 Wakonade Drive East  
Welch, MN 55089

SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 3-2006-005

Dear Mr. Palmisano:

This letter refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI) to determine whether a former contract health physics technician for Bartlett Nuclear, Inc., at the Prairie Island Nuclear Power Plant was discriminated against for raising safety concerns. Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, we did not substantiate the allegation. 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,  
**/RA by Anne T. Boland Acting for/**  
Cynthia D. Pederson, Director  
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-282; 50-306  
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Enclosure: OI Synopsis

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## SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on November 8, 2005, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations, Region III, to determine whether a former contract Health Physics Technician (HPT) for Bartlett Nuclear, Inc., at the Prairie Island Nuclear Power Plant was discriminated against for raising safety concerns.

Based upon the evidence developed, this investigation did not substantiate the allegation that a former contract HPT was discriminated against for raising safety concerns.