



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION II
SAM NUNN ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER
61 FORSYTH STREET, SW, SUITE 23T85
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8931

October 31, 2006

Areva, Inc.
4800 Hampden Lane, Suite 1100
Bethesda, MD 20814
Attn: Michael McMurphy
President & CEO

SUBJECT: ST. LUCIE NUCLEAR PLANT: DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AN AREVA
EMPLOYEE FOR RAISING SAFETY CONCERNS (OFFICE OF
INVESTIGATIONS CASE NUMBER 2-2006-006)

Dear Mr. McMurphy:

Enclosed for your information is the synopsis of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Office of Investigations' (OI) completed report regarding discrimination against an Areva employee for raising safety concerns at the St. Lucie Nuclear Plant.

The investigation did not substantiate that the former contract Quality Assurance/Quality Control Inspector (Areva employee) was discriminated against for raising safety concerns at the St. Lucie Nuclear Plant. We plan no further action with regard to this matter. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,

/RA/

Joel T. Munday, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch 3
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosure: Investigative Synopsis, OI Case No. 2-2006-006

October 31, 2006

Areva, Inc.
4800 Hampden Lane, Suite 1100
Bethesda, MD 20814
Attn: Michael McMurphy
President & CEO

SUBJECT: ST. LUCIE NUCLEAR PLANT: DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AN AREVA EMPLOYEE FOR RAISING SAFETY CONCERNS (OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS CASE NUMBER 2-2006-006)

Dear Mr. McMurphy:

Enclosed for your information is the synopsis of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Office of Investigations' (OI) completed report regarding discrimination against an Areva employee for raising safety concerns at the St. Lucie Nuclear Plant.

The investigation did not substantiate that the former contract Quality Assurance/Quality Control Inspector (Areva employee) was discriminated against for raising safety concerns at the St. Lucie Nuclear Plant. We plan no further action with regard to this matter. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,

/RA/

Joel T. Munday, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch 3
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosure: Investigative Synopsis, OI Case No. 2-2006-006

X PUBLICLY AVAILABLE X NON-SENSITIVE

ADAMS: X Yes ACCESSION NUMBER: _____

OFFICE	RII:DRP	RII:EICS						
SIGNATURE	SON	CFE						
NAME	SNinh	CEvans						
DATE	10/31/2006	10/31/2006	11/ /2006	11/ /2006	11/ /2006	11/ /2006	11/ /2006	11/ /2006
E-MAIL COPY?	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY DOCUMENT NAME: C:\FileNet\ML063040273.wpd

~~NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF
FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS, REGION II~~

Official Use Only - OI Investigation Information

Case No. 2-2006-006

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on January 3, 2006, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), Region II (RII), to determine whether a contract Quality Control/Quality Assurance Inspector at the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant was discriminated against for raising safety concerns.

Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, OI did not substantiate that the former contract Quality Assurance/Quality Control Inspector was discriminated against for raising safety concerns.

Approved for release on 10/26/06 cfe

~~NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF
FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS, REGION II~~

Official Use Only - OI Investigation Information

Case No. 2-2006-006