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SUBJECT: WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT: DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CONTRACTOR
QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTOR FOR RAISING SAFETY CONCERNS WITH
RADIATION MONITORING SYSTEMS (OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS CASE NUMBER
2-95-030)

Dear Mr. Zeringue:

Enclosed for your information is the synopsis of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI) completed report regarding alleged discrimination against a General Technical Service employee at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant.

OI determined that there was insufficient evidence to substantiate the allegation of discrimination. We plan no further action with regard to this matter. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by M. S. Lesser)

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Enclosure: Investigative Synopsis,
OI Case No. 2-95-030

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SYNOPSIS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Region II, Office of Investigations (OI) initiated this investigation on December 1, 1995, to determine if a General Technical Service contract quality control inspector who worked at the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, was the victim of discrimination for reporting safety concerns regarding the System 90 radiation monitoring system to TVA management. The alleged's complaint was addressed by the TVA Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

Based on OI's review of the information developed during the TVA/OIG investigation, NRC's inspection results, and OI's interview of the alleged, sufficient evidence was not developed to substantiate the allegation.