

March 5, 1999

Tennessee Valley Authority
ATTN: Mr. J. A. Scalice
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Executive Vice President
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SUBJECT: BELLEFONTE NUCLEAR PLANT: ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION
(OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS CASE NUMBER 2-1998-021)

Dear Mr. Scalice:

Enclosed for your information is the synopsis of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI) completed report regarding alleged discrimination by the Tennessee Valley Authority against an individual who raised a concern regarding potential activities at the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant. As I discussed with you on March 5, 1999, the NRC reviewed this issue because of the potential negative perception other TVA employees may have developed as a result of TVA's initial response in addressing this matter with the employee.

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 JR Johnson for

Luis A. Reyes
Regional Administrator

Docket Nos. 50-327, 50-328
50-259, 50-260, 50-296
50-390, 50-391
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Enclosure: Investigative Synopsis
OI Case No. 2-1998-021

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SYNOPSIS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), initiated this investigation on October 16, 1998, based on an allegation from a source, that a Tennessee Valley Authority employee was discriminated against for reporting safety concerns about tritium production at the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant.



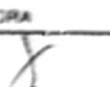
Based upon OI review and evaluation of the evidence, in coordination with regional counsel, the evidence developed did not substantiate the allegation.

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