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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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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on June 17, 2008, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations, Region III, to determine whether a former contract Security Specialist at the Palisades Nuclear Plant was discriminated against for raising safety concerns.

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