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J. V. Parrish
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Chief Executive Officer
Energy Northwest
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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-2009-068)

Dear Mr. Parrish:

This refers to an investigation conducted by the NRC's Office of Investigations regarding activities at the Columbia Generating Station. The Office of Investigations initiated the investigation to determine if a contract journeyman millwright was discriminated against by Energy Northwest's Columbia Generating Station, Richland, Washington, and/or Areva Nuclear Power, Inc., Richland, Washington, for raising nuclear safety concerns.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, testimony, and document reviews, the allegation with regard to discrimination against the contract journeyman millwright was not substantiated. The NRC plans no further action related to the discrimination aspects of the allegation and considers this investigation closed.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter 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/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. B. Jones", is written over a horizontal line.

William B. Jones, Chief
Allegations and Enforcement Branch

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