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Mr. Mark E. Reddemann
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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-2010-041)

Dear Mr. Reddemann:

This refers to an investigation conducted by the NRC's Office of Investigations regarding activities at Columbia Generating Station. The Office of Investigations initiated the investigation to determine whether a maintenance program specialist employed at Columbia Generating Station was subjected to employment discrimination by Columbia Generating Station's personnel for raising safety concerns.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, testimony, and document reviews, the alleged discrimination was determined not to be substantiated. The NRC plans no further action related to the discrimination aspect of this allegation and considers this investigation closed.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Taylor".

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