

~~Official Use Only – Security-Related Information~~

August 29, 2011

Mr. Anthony Vitale
Vice-President, Operations
Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.
Palisades Nuclear Plant
27780 Blue Star Memorial Highway
Covert, MI 49043-9530

SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 3-2010-019

Dear Mr. Vitale:

This letter refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI) to determine whether a contract individual at the Palisades Nuclear Plant was discriminated against for participating in an NRC evaluated exercise. Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, we did not substantiate the allegation. The synopsis from the OI Report of Investigation is enclosed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact an NRC Region III Office Allegation Coordinator by calling (800) 522-3025. The NRC Region III Office Allegation Coordinators are Jim Heller, Paul Pelke, Magdalena Gryglak, and Sarah Bakhsh.

In accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (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 NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). However, because of the Security-Related Information contained in the enclosure, and in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390, a copy of this letter's enclosure will not be available for public inspection. Additionally, if you choose to respond, please mark your entire response "Security-Related Information – Withhold from Public Disclosure under 10 CFR 2.390."

You should note that final NRC documents, including the final OI report, may be made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) subject to redaction of information pursuant to the FOIA. Requests under the FOIA should be made in accordance with

<p>The Enclosure Contains Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information. Upon separation, this cover letter is decontrolled.</p>
--

~~Official Use Only – Security-Related Information~~

A. Vitale

-2-

10 CFR 9.23, Request for Records. The instructions for making a request for information under the FOIA are accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/foia-request.html>.

Sincerely,

/RA by Kenneth G. O'Brien Acting for/

Steven A. Reynolds, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No. 50-255
License No. DPR-20

Enclosure:
Synopsis of OI Report No. 3-2010-019 (Non-Public)

~~Official Use Only – Security-Related Information~~

A. Vitale

-2-

10 CFR 9.23, Request for Records. The instructions for making a request for information under the FOIA are accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/foia-request.html>.

Sincerely,

/RA by Kenneth G. O'Brien Acting for/

Steven A. Reynolds, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No. 50-255
License No. DPR-20

Enclosure:
Synopsis of OI Report No. 3-2010-019 (Non-Public)

*See previous concurrence

DOCUMENT NAME: G:\ORAI\IEICS\ALLEGATIONS\AMS-LTRS\08 AMS\080105 Palisades\080105 and 090122
Synopsis to lic Public.docx

To receive a copy of this document, indicate in the box: "C" = Copy without attachment/enclosure "E" = Copy with attachment/enclosure "N" = No copy

OFFICE	RIII	N	RIII	N	RIII	N	RIII	N	RIII	N
NAME	Gryglak*		Skokowski*		Langan** *		Orth***		O'Brien for Reynolds	
DATE	4/13/11		4/18/11		4/18/11		8/19/11		8/29/11	

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

** For permission to release OI synopsis.

***The 3-week e-mail has expired.