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Mr. Mark E. Reddemann
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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-2011-011)

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 contract journeyman millwright at Energy Northwest's Columbia Generating Station, Richland, Washington, was the subject of discrimination for raising nuclear safety concerns.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, the allegation that a contract journeyman millwright at Columbia Generating Station was the subject of discrimination for raising nuclear safety concerns was not substantiated. The NRC plans no further action related to the discrimination aspect of this 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 blue ink, reading "Heather J. Gepford", is positioned above the typed name.

Heather J. Gepford, Chief
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