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Mr. Michael Schork, Plant Manager
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559 Westinghouse Road
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SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 1-2011-037

Dear Mr. Schork:

This letter refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI) to determine whether a Quality Assurance-Non-Destructive Examination (QA/NDE) Inspector with Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC) Specialty Metals Plant (SMP) was discriminated against for having raised safety concerns about the production of reactor fuel zircalloy tubing. Based upon the evidence developed during the investigation, OI did not substantiate that the WEC QA/NDE inspector was discriminated against for raising safety concerns.

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, its enclosure, and your response, if any, 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).

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If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact Lois James, Senior Allegations Coordinator of NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, toll free at (800) 368-5642.

Sincerely,

(/RA by John Lubinski for Frederick Brown)

Frederick D. Brown, Director
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on May 2, 2011, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), Region I (RI) to determine whether a Quality Assurance-Non-Destructive Examination (QA/NDE) Inspector with Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC), LLC, Specialty Metals Plant (SMP), 559 Westinghouse Drive, Blairsville, PA, was discriminated against for having raised safety concerns about the production of reactor fuel zircalloy tubing.

Based upon the evidence developed during the investigation, OI did not conclude that the QA/NDE Inspector had been discriminated against for having raised safety concerns.

ENCLOSURE