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SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 2-2012-024

Dear Ms. Thornhill:

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

Sincerely,

**(/RA by Rani L. Franovich)**

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## **SYNOPSIS**

This investigation was initiated on May 10, 2012, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), Region II (RII), to determine whether a senior engineer at General Electric Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GEH) in Wilmington, North Carolina, was discriminated against by management for raising safety concerns.

Based on the evidence developed, this investigation did not substantiate the allegation that a senior engineer at GEH was discriminated against by management for raising safety concerns.

**ENCLOSURE**