



UNITED STATES
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April 3, 2015

Mr. Oscar A. Limpias, Vice President-Nuclear
and Chief Nuclear Officer
Nebraska Public Power District
Cooper Nuclear Station
P.O. Box 98
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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-2014-023)

Dear Mr. Limpias:

This refers to an investigation conducted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Office of Investigations regarding activities at Cooper Nuclear Station. The Office of Investigations initiated the investigation to determine whether a quality control inspector, employed by Carolina Energy Solutions-System One, at Cooper Nuclear Station, Brownville, Nebraska, was the subject of discrimination for raising safety concerns regarding an observation of a welder performing improper procedures on a weld.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, the allegation that a quality control inspector, employed by Carolina Energy Solutions-System One, at Cooper Nuclear Station was the subject of discrimination for raising safety concerns regarding an observation of a welder performing improper procedures on a weld was not substantiated. The NRC plans no further action related to the discrimination aspect of this allegation and considers this investigation closed.

You should note that final NRC documents may be made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act subject to redaction of information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. Requests under the Freedom of Information Act should be made in accordance with 10 CFR 9.23, Requests for Records. Information is accessible from the NRC's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/foia-request.html#how>.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be made 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 website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas H. Taylor", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicholas H. Taylor, Team Leader
Allegation Coordination and Enforcement Staff

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