

December 22, 2015

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
United States Senator  
500 Virginia Street, Suite 950  
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Senator Capito:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of November 23, 2015, forwarding a concern from your constituent, John B. Smith. Mr. Smith had his "suitability for work" rescinded by the Federal Protective Service, which is part of the Department of Homeland Security, and he believes that the NRC is in a position to address his inability to work as a security officer at the agency or obtain other government employment.

Mr. Smith responded adequately to our letter of August 12, 2015, seeking additional information, and in September the NRC's Personnel Security Branch granted the access authorization required as a condition of his employment with Centerra, a government contractor. That information was forwarded through our Facilities Security Branch to Centerra. However, in October, Centerra informed us that Mr. Smith would no longer be working on the contract because the Federal Protective Service had rescinded his "suitability for work." We are not privy to the information that formed the basis for that decision, but we know it is not related to any action or inaction by the NRC. Our recommendation is that Mr. Smith contact the Federal Protective Service directly to further pursue his concern.

I hope this information is useful to you and your constituent. If you need anything additional from the NRC, please contact me or Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

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