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Mr. Mark E. Reddemann
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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-2015-017)

Dear Mr. Reddemann:

This refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Office of Investigations regarding activities at Columbia Generating Station. The Office of Investigations initiated the investigation to determine whether security supervisors at Energy Northwest, Columbia Generating Station, Richland, Washington, (1) willfully failed to conduct required post checks, (2) willfully falsified the security activity report and did not take action to address performance gap, and (3) if security personnel willfully manipulated the NRC performance indicator data for the Intrusion Detection System.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, the allegation that security supervisors willfully failed to conduct required post checks was not substantiated.

Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, the allegation that security supervisors willfully falsified the security activity report and did not take action to address performance gap was not substantiated.

Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, the allegation that security personnel willfully manipulated the NRC Performance Indicator data for the intrusion detection system was not substantiated. The NRC plans no further action related to the willful 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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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael C. Hay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Michael C. Hay, Team Leader
Allegations Coordination and Enforcement Staff

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