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January 18, 2018

Mr. Keith Polson, Senior VP  
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SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 3-2016-012

Dear Mr. Polson:

This refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI) to determine whether a contract carpenter at Fermi Power Plant, Unit 2, was discriminated against by management for raising safety concerns. Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, we did not substantiate the allegation. The synopsis from the OI Report of Investigation is enclosed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact an NRC Region III Office Allegation Coordinator by calling (800) 522-3025. The NRC Region III Office Allegation Coordinators are Jim Heller, Paul Pelke, and Sarah Bakhsh.

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Sincerely,

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Division of Reactor Safety

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Enclosure:  
OI Synopsis

K. Polson

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Letter to K. Polson from D. Hills; dated January 18, 2018

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## OI SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on September 6, 2016, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations, Region III, to determine whether a contract carpenter at the Detroit Edison Electric Company's Fermi Nuclear Plant, Unit 2 (Fermi), in Newport, Michigan, was discriminated against by management for raising safety concerns.

Based upon the evidence developed, the allegation that a contract carpenter at Fermi was discriminated against by management for raising safety concerns is not substantiated.