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**SUBJECT: H.B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT – INVESTIGATIVE SYNOPSIS,
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS CASE NUMBER 2-2016-045**

Dear Mr. Kapopolous:

Enclosed for your information is the synopsis of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI) completed report regarding discrimination for raising safety concerns.

The NRC determined that there was insufficient evidence to substantiate the allegation that a former quality control inspector was discriminated against for raising safety concerns. We plan no further action with regard to this matter. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Copies of documents related to this report may be requested under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Requests for records under FOIA can be made to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T-5 F09, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or you can fax your request to the NRC Rockville, Maryland office at (301) 415-5130, or email at FOIA.resource@NRC.GOV. Any information provided under FOIA will, to the extent consistent with that act, be purged of names and other potential identifiers.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Investigative Synopsis,
OI Case No. 2-2016-045

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INVESTIGATIVE SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on August 31, 2016 by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), Region II (RII), to determine whether a former quality control inspector employed by Duke Energy at H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2, Hartsville, SC, was discriminated against for raising safety concerns.

Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, the allegation that a former quality control inspector was the subject of discrimination for raising safety concerns was not substantiated.