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Norman A. Zigrossi, Inspector General
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Dear Mr. Zigrossi:

Re: QTC FILES RELATED TO INTIMIDATION AND HARASSMENT (I&H), WRONGDOING, AND MISCONDUCT

In a letter to you dated May 22, 1987, the NRC informed you that the staff would recontact the concerned individuals (CIs) for 22 employee concerns for which your office needs additional information in order to conduct a meaningful investigation. A brief description of our actions and plan for handling these concerns are summarized below under three headings: (i) safety significant I&H issues, (ii) safety related wrongdoing - falsification of records, and (iii) misconduct and harassment (other).

Safety Significant I&H Issues

1. HI-85-090-001

The staff was unable to contact the CI since the telephone number is not available and the CI has refused earlier to sign the consent form to release the information to your office. We reviewed the QTC investigation report for this concern and found the report acceptable. The QTC investigation did not substantiate any I&H concern. The technical issues of this file are contained in the File No. XX-85-070. The resolutions of these technical issues are discussed in the following TVA Element and Subcategory reports: OP 30704, QA 80105, QA 80402, CO 11100, and EN 20600. The NRC staff will spot check the specific violations listed in the files to ensure that those violations have been bounded by your evaluations in these reports. No further action on this concern is required by OIG/TVA.

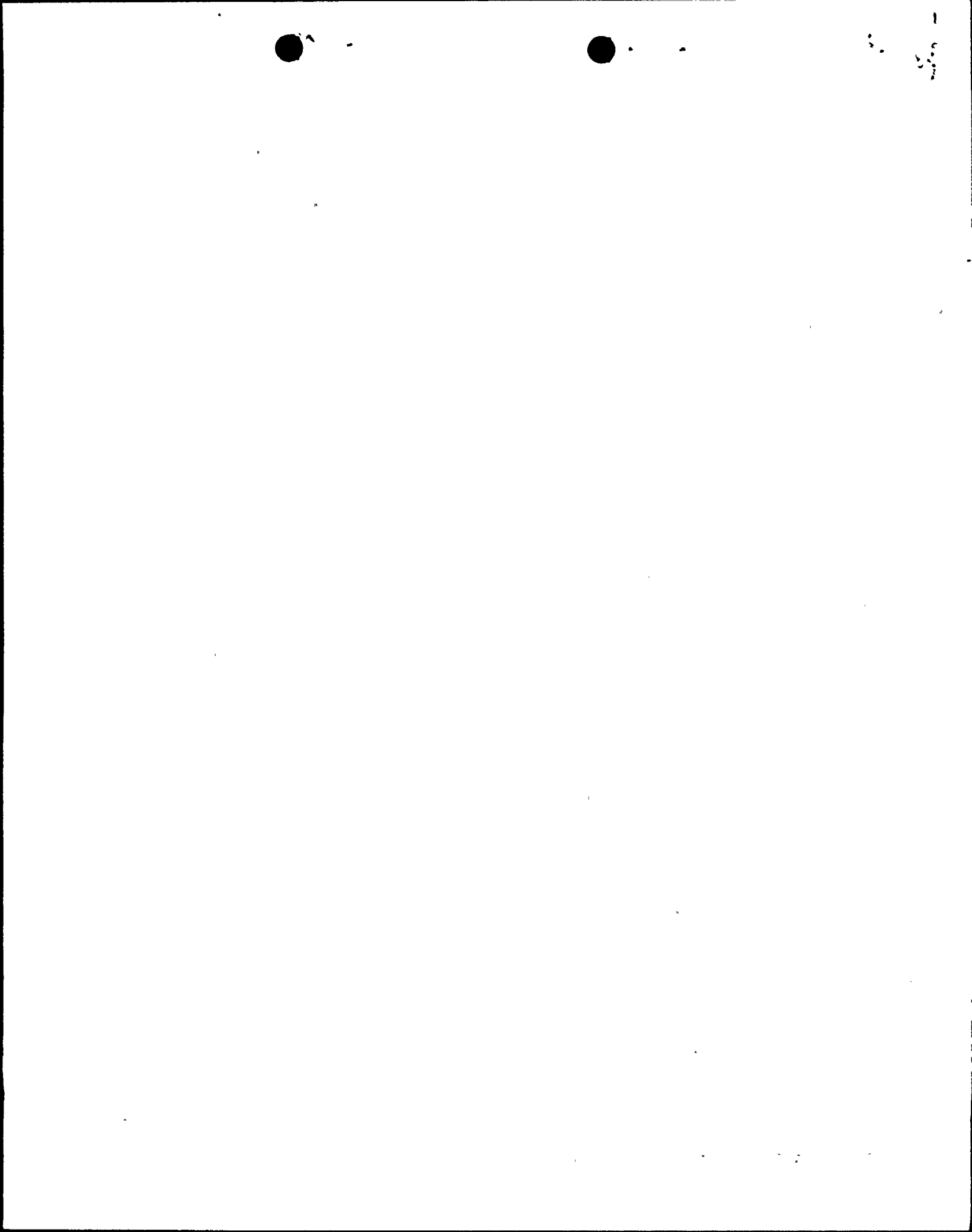
2. HI-85-091-001

This concern was transferred to file XX-85-105-001 and a release was obtained by QTC. Your office or OGC/TVA should have this file.

The technical issues in this file are identical to those discussed above and contained in file XX-85-070.

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3. HI-85-110-001

The CI signed a release with QTC in February 1986. Your office or OGC/TVA should have this file.

This concern does not have a technical issue.

Safety-Related Wrongdoing - Falsification of Records

1. XX-85-023-001

2. XX-85-023-X02

Both concerns were expressed by same individual. The NRC staff recently contacted the CI by telephone and requested the CI to reconsider his decision to release the information to the OIG/TVA. The CI does not see the need for the release now since he has found that the technical issues have been resolved and the supervisor against whom he had made allegations left TVA. The CI believes that the particular supervisor will not be hired again by TVA. Based on our conversation with the CI, we consider these issues closed.

The technical issues are being addressed by TVA in element reports CO 11306 and QA 80203. No further action by the OIG/TVA on these concerns is required.

3. XX-85-028-X02

Our staff contacted the CI and he agreed to sign the consent form releasing his name to your office. We have sent the consent form to him and, after the receipt of the form, we will forward to you the information necessary for your investigation.

The technical issues are being addressed by TVA in the element report OP 31104. The concern was investigated by NSRS in report I-85-514-SQN.

4. XX-85-043-001

5. XX-85-043-004

Both concerns are essentially the same.

Our staff could not contact the CI since he has an unpublished telephone number. The concern is related to the falsification of certification records by the TVA public safety staff. It is our understanding that the OIG/TVA plans a comprehensive audit of the TVA public safety staff which will presumably include a review of certification records. Please send your report related to this issue to the NRC so that we can check that these concerns are addressed in your report. No further specific action by OIG/TVA on this concern is required.

6. XX-85-049-001

7. XX-85-049-X03

Our staff could not contact the CI for above two concerns since his telephone has been disconnected. The concerns are related to welder certification. The NSRS Report No. I-85-135-SQN on welding has addressed these issues. Additionally, the NSRS staff did not substantiate the wrongdoing as alleged in the file. We have reviewed the NSRS report and find it acceptable. No further action by the OIG/TVA is required.

8. XX-85-125-X09

This concern was investigated by the NRC's OIA. In essence, it alleges that an NRC inspector falsified a specific inspection report and was rewarded by a job at TVA. OIA, in a report to the Commission dated August 19, 1986, found that the named NRC inspector had no part in conducting the specified inspection. Therefore, the allegation that TVA management might have encouraged the falsification by the NRC inspector is unsubstantiated. No further action by the OIG/TVA is required.

Misconduct and Harassment (Other)

As stated in May 22, 1987 letter, the staff has not reviewed the concerns in this category but only recontacted the CIs.

The status of these files is summarized below.

1. XX-85-071-002

The CI was requested to sign the consent form to release his file to your office. He wanted to contact your office directly. We provided the telephone number of your office.

2. XX-85-105-0013. XX-85-028-0034. XX-85-096-001 and XX-85-096-X01

We have sent the consent forms to the CIs for above three files and are awaiting their response. We will forward the CI names for these files as soon as we receive their consent.

5. XX-85-049-0026. XX-85-114-0017. XX-85-114-0028. SQP-86-006-0019. XX-85-017-002

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10. XX-85-042-001

The CIs of the above six files could not be contacted since their telephones were disconnected.

11. XX-85-116-012

The CI did not want to sign the release form.

I hope, this letter will clarify NRC's position. If you have any questions, please contact B. K. Singh at (301) 492-8891.

Sincerely,

fw *Steven D. Anderson*
Stewart D. Ebnetter; Director
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