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RI-2015-A-0051

Subject: NRC Office of Investigations Case No. 1-2015-027

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Region I Field Office, NRC Office of Investigations (OI), initiated an investigation (Case No. 1-2015-027) on August 6, 2015, to determine if Soil Consultants, Inc. had terminated a radiation safety officer in retaliation for raising safety concerns. Based upon documentary and testimonial evidence developed during the OI investigation, the NRC did not substantiate that the radiation safety officer had been terminated for raising safety concerns.

Please note that final NRC investigation documents, such as the OI report described above, may be made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) subject to redaction of information appropriate under the FOIA. Requests under the FOIA should be made in accordance with 10 CFR 9.23, Requests for Records. Additional information is available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/foia-privacy.html>.

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No response to this letter is required. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Blake Welling of my staff at (610) 337-5205.

Sincerely,

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James M. Trapp, Director
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