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SUBJECT: OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION – INVESTIGATIVE SYNOPSIS, OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS CASE NUMBER 2-2017-006

Dear Mr. Burchfield:

Enclosed for your information is the synopsis of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Investigations' (OI) completed report regarding discrimination against a former contract employee.

The NRC determined that there was insufficient evidence to substantiate the allegation that a contract employee 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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Reactor Projects Branch 1
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosure:
Investigative Synopsis, OI Case No. 2-2017-006

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on November 7, 2016, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations, Region II, to determine whether a contract employee at the Oconee Nuclear Station (Oconee), Seneca, South Carolina, was discriminated against by management for raising safety concerns.

Based on the evidence developed, the allegation that a contract employee at Oconee was discriminated against by management for raising safety concerns is not substantiated.