

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

October 10, 2018

Mr. Christopher M. Lloyd, Senior Manager Quality/Safety Conscious Work Environment AREVA Inc. 7135 Minstrel Way, Suite 300 Columbia, MD 21045

SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 2-2016-040

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

This letter refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI) to determine if a former contractor at AREVA Inc., with headquarters in Columbia, Maryland, was the subject of discrimination for raising safety concerns while working at TN Americas/Orano, formerly AREVA Transnuclear, Inc. located in Aiken, South Carolina. Based on the evidence developed during the OI investigation, the NRC could not substantiate that discrimination occurred.

Please note that the complete OI investigation report, including supporting documentation, may be obtained by you and the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), subject to redaction of information pursuant to the FOIA. Requests under the FOIA should be made in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 9.23, "Requests for Records." The instructions for making a request of information under the FOIA are accessible at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/foia-privacy.html.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter, and your response, if any, will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System, accessible from the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Dori Willis, Senior Allegation Coordinator of NRC's Headquarters Allegation Team in the Office of Enforcement, at 301-287-9423.

Sincerely,

(/RA by A. Rivera-Varona for M. Layton)

Michael C. Layton, Director Division of Spent Fuel Management Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 2-2016-040

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