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Mr. Bryan C. Hanson  
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SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NOS. 3-2018-003 and 3-2018-004

Dear Mr. Hanson:

This refers to two investigations conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI) to determine (1) whether an electrical contract supervisor at Braidwood Station was discriminated against by management for raising safety concerns, (2) whether the electrical contract supervisor willfully failed to follow work order instructions, and willfully failed to disclose to operations staff that work had begun prior to operation's approval, and (3) whether a senior reactor operator at Braidwood willfully failed to adequately perform a required risk assessment during the planning phase for an augmented quality work order in violation of NRC requirements. Based on the evidence developed during the investigations, we did not substantiate the allegations. The synopses from the OI Reports of Investigation are enclosed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact an NRC Region III Office Allegation Coordinator by calling (800) 522-3025. The NRC Region III Office Allegation Coordinators are Jim Heller, Paul Pelke, and Sarah Bakhsh.

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with 10 CFR 9.23, Request for Records. The instructions for making a request for information under the FOIA are accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/foia-request.html>.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-456; 50-457  
License Nos. NPF-72; NPF-77

Enclosure:  
OI Synopses

cc w/encl:  
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Letter to Bryan Hanson from Eric Duncan, dated December 6, 2018

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### OI Synopsis for Case No. 3-2018-003

This investigation was initiated on December 19, 2017, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations, Region III, to determine whether an electrical contract supervisor at Exelon Nuclear's Braidwood Station (Braidwood) in Braceville, Illinois, was discriminated against by management for raising safety concerns.

Based upon the evidence developed, the allegation that an electrical contract supervisor at Braidwood was discriminated against by management for raising a safety concern was not substantiated.

### OI Synopsis for Case No. 3-2018-004

This investigation was initiated on December 26, 2017, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations, Region III, to determine: (1) whether an electrical contract supervisor at Exelon Nuclear's Braidwood Station (Braidwood) willfully failed to follow work order instructions, and willfully failed to disclose to operations staff that the work had begun prior to operation's approval; and (2) whether a senior reactor operator (SRO) at Braidwood willfully failed to adequately perform a required risk assessment during the planning phase for an augmented quality work order in violation of NRC requirements.

Based upon the evidence developed, the allegation that an electrical contract supervisor willfully failed to follow work order instructions and willfully failed to disclose to operations staff that the work had begun prior to operation's approval was not substantiated.

Based upon the evidence developed, the allegation that an SRO willfully failed to adequately perform a required risk assessment during the planning phase for an augmented quality work order was not substantiated.