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June 17, 2019

Mr. Joel P. Gebbie Senior VP and Chief Nuclear Officer Indiana Michigan Power Company Nuclear Generation Group One Cook Place Bridgman, MI 49106

SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 3-2018-008

Dear Mr. Gebbie:

This refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI) to determine whether a contract radiation protection technician at the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Generating Plant was discriminated against by management for raising safety concerns. Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, we did not substantiate the allegation. The synopsis from the OI Report of Investigation is 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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Sincerely,

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Thomas Hartman, Acting Chief Plant Support Branch Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50–315; 50–316 License Nos. DPR–58; DPR–74

Enclosure: OI Synopsis J. Gebbie

Letter to Joel P. Gebbie from Thomas Hartman, dated June 17, 2019

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on April 12, 2018, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations, Region III, to determine whether a contract radiation protection technician (RPT) at the American Electric Power's, Donald C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1 (DC Cook), in Bridgman, Michigan, was discriminated against by management for raising safety concerns.

Based upon the evidence developed, the allegation that a contract RPT at DC Cook was discriminated against by management for raising safety concerns was not substantiated.