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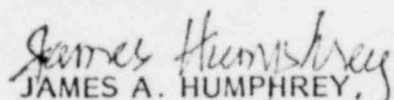
Dear Mr. Vickwit:

We represent an employee of one of the subcontractors working on the nuclear construction project being carried out by the Washington Public Power Supply System at Satsop, Washington. We are writing to solicit a formal statement by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of its policy or policies on the question set out below. While our client has recently experienced a problem related to that question, that problem has now been satisfactorily resolved, and we are therefore not posing the question with any specific or current dispute in mind.

Our question is as follows:

Under what circumstances and in what ways may an employer, contractor, subcontractor or licensee involved in the construction of a nuclear power plant restrict the reporting by any of their employees to agents or inspectors of the NRC of quality control problems observed by such employees in the construction of the nuclear plant?

Sincerely,


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