



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION III
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Docket No. 50-341
AMS No. RIII-86-A-0159

Billie Pirner Garde
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Dear Ms. Garde:

This letter is in response to your letter of January 25, 1989, regarding your client, Samuel L. Thompson. Mr. Thompson was interviewed on September 18, 1986, by representatives of the NRC's Office of Investigation and Region III Office. At that time Mr. Thompson raised three allegations about the Enrico Fermi Nuclear Plant, Unit 2. The allegations were:

1. The Director of Nuclear Security for the Fermi Plant may have provided incomplete information to the Region III office during a November 1985 telephone conversation.
2. The Fermi Plant security computer misread information.
3. The Detroit Edison Company terminated Mr. Thompson's employment because of his cooperation with the NRC.

With regard to the first allegation, some background information is necessary. First, the Security Director had been reassigned to a position not involved with the Fermi Plant before Mr. Thompson expressed his concerns to us in September, 1986. In addition, a different concern about the former Security Director had been forwarded to Office of Investigations for investigation prior to September, 1986. Also, Mr. Thompson's allegations about the former Fermi Plant Security Director were forwarded to the NRC's Office of Investigations. However, given the then-ongoing investigation, the investigation of Mr. Thompson's allegations about the former Fermi Security Director was held in abeyance until the first investigation was completed. That investigation revealed that the former Fermi Plant Security Director had provided inaccurate information to an NRC inspector. NRC is considering enforcement action against Detroit Edison Company, based in part on the results of that investigation. Therefore, it was determined that Mr. Thompson's allegations could be closed administratively without compromising our regulatory posture and without further action on the part of the NRC. This action does not mean that Mr. Thompson's allegations are untrue, but simply that we have no need to pursue them at this time.

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Mr. Thompson's concern about the Fermi security computer cardreader was reviewed and confirmed by the NRC Region III Office, and Mr. Thompson was apprised of the results in a Region III letter dated December 22, 1988. The deficiencies with the security computer cardreader system have been rectified.

Mr. Thompson's issue regarding Detroit Edison Company's termination of his employment was considered by the U.S. Department of Labor. That matter is pending before the Secretary of Labor. Upon completion of the Labor Department's deliberations on that matter the NRC will consider appropriate enforcement action.

Contrary to the contention in your January 25, 1989 letter, the NRC did not limit the scope of Mr. Thompson's concerns to only the security computer cardreader issue. Mr. Thompson's allegations have been properly evaluated along with other issues involving the Detroit Edison Company and appropriate action is being pursued.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Mr. John A. Grobe, Director of Region III's Enforcement and Investigation Coordination Staff (312-790-5548).

Sincerely,

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