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Michigan State University  
ATTN: Gordon Guyer, Ph.D.  
President  
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East Lansing, MI 48824

Dear Dr. Guyer:

This refers to an investigation performed by Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI) at The Michigan State University. The subject of the investigation was an allegation that Michigan State University discriminated against an employee after that individual contacted an NRC Radiation Specialist regarding a carbon-14 contamination incident at Michigan State University.

As a result of our review of the subject report, we have determined that the investigation did not substantiate the allegation that Michigan State University discriminated against the employee and we have no further questions. A copy of the OI Report Synopsis is enclosed for your information.

No response to this letter is required. In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commissions regulations, a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY W. L. AXELSON

W. L. Axelson, Director  
Division of Radiation Safety  
and Safeguards

Enclosure: As stated

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## SYNOPSIS

On April 30, 1993, an investigation was initiated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Region III (RIII), Office of Investigations (OI), concerning an allegation that Michigan State University (MSU), through the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) and the Director of the Office of Radiation, Chemical, and Biological Safety (ORCBS), discriminated against an MSU Health Physicist II (HP) (who was employed by the ORCBS but assigned to the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory (NSCL)) by terminating his employment after that individual contacted an NRC Radiation Specialist on March 9, 1993, regarding a carbon-14 ( $^{14}\text{C}$ ) contamination spill at the NSCL, located at MSU.

The OI Investigation did not substantiate the allegation that MSU discriminated against the HP for notifying the NRC regarding the  $^{14}\text{C}$  contamination incident.