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SUBJECT: PECO INVESTIGATION OF OFF-SITE DRUG USAGE BY HEALTH PHYSICS  
PERSONNEL

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter refers to your investigation, dated March 16, 1995, regarding, in part, the use of illegal drugs off-site by Health Physics (HP) employees employed by you at the Limerick station, as well as such use by contractor HP personnel. Your investigation, conducted by your Security Claims-Security Division, identified off-site illegal drug use by licensee and contractor HP employees, including four supervisors, from 1993 through 1995. The four supervisors, one of whom worked for a contractor, were subsequently terminated.

While no enforcement action is being taken under the circumstances of this case, the off-site and off-duty use of illegal drugs is of concern to the NRC because such use could affect the fitness for duty of the individuals when they report for duty at the facility or result in security compromises with regard to the individual involved. The NRC recognizes and appreciates your efforts in investigating and identifying the problem promptly, initiating corrective measures (including disciplinary actions), and informing the NRC. It is important that you continue to review your procedures and training program to ensure that they meet your expectations in this area.

No response to this letter is required. In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

Thomas T. Martin  
Regional Administrator

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