

October 26, 1998

Mr. Michael B. Roche  
Vice President and Director  
GPU Nuclear Incorporated  
Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station  
P.O. Box 388  
Forked River, New Jersey 08731

Dear Mr. Roche:

On June 4, 1998, the NRC's Office of Investigations (OI), Region I Field Office, initiated an investigation to determine whether a Site Protection Officer (SPO), employed by GPU-Nuclear at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OCNGS), had been discriminated against as a result of contacting the NRC in November 1997 with security and safety concerns. Based upon the evidence developed during this investigation, as well as the SPO's unwillingness to provide testimony in this matter, OI could not substantiate that the SPO was discriminated against as a result of contacting the NRC with security and safety concerns regarding OCNGS. The OI investigation, documented in OI Report No. 1-98-027, was completed on September 1, 1998. A copy of the synopsis of the OI report is enclosed.

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Mr. Peter Eselgroth, of my staff, at (610) 337-5234.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Charles W. Hehl, Director  
Division of Reactor Projects

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Enclosure: Synopsis of OI Report No. 1-98-027

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## SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on June 4, 1998, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), Region I, to determine whether a Site Protection Officer (SPO), employed by General Public Utilities-Nuclear at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OCNGS), had been discriminated against as a result of contacting the NRC in November 1997 with security and safety concerns. The discrimination, as alleged, was in the form of selective and retaliatory discipline, and the creation of a hostile work environment.

Based upon the evidence developed during this investigation, as well as the SPO's unwillingness to provide testimony in this matter, OI could not substantiate that the SPO was discriminated against as a result of contacting the NRC with security and safety concerns regarding OCNGS.

Mr. Michael B. Roche

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