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Honorable Nunzio J. Palladino
Chairman
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Chairman Palladino:

I continue to be concerned with the pace of investigative activity conducted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission relative to the Wolf Creek Generating Station.

Earlier this spring, I was informed that the Office of Investigations planned to initiate a new investigation in June into the Quality First program at the Wolf Creek plant. In a recent inquiry, my staff was told that although the investigation was still scheduled to begin in June, it might be delayed until July, pending completion of an investigation at another site in Region IV.

Any further delay in the commencement of the new investigation is wholly unacceptable. Nearly six months have already elapsed since the Commission voted to authorize the new investigation. More importantly, a full year has elapsed since the Wolf Creek Generating Station was issued its full-power operating permit.

Since the new investigation has implications for the safe operation of Wolf Creek, I request that the Commission assign it high priority and assure that adequate personnel are available to the Office of Investigations so that the proposed investigation can begin immediately. Please notify me in writing within two weeks (by June 20) of the date by which the investigation will commence and the date of expected completion.

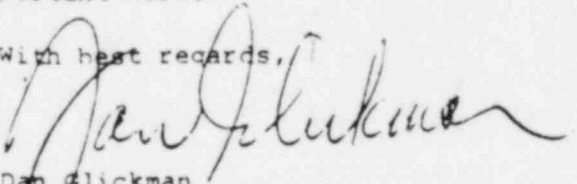
Finally, I would like to be informed as to the current backlog of open OI cases, both investigations and inquiries. Please indicate the number of open cases, how many have been open for more than 3 years, 2 years and 1 year, and how many have had no work performed on them at all. I am very concerned that a significant backlog of cases, which

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might indicate serious abuses of the regulatory system, are escaping investigation as a result of the Commission's failure to assign adequate priority to the Office of Investigation's important work.

With best regards,



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Member of Congress

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