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SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 3-2019-010

Dear Mr. Van Noordennen:

This refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI) to determine whether a contract radiologic controls technician at the Zion Nuclear Power Plant was discriminated against by management for raising a nuclear safety concern. Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, we did not substantiate the allegation. The synopsis from the OI Report of Investigation is enclosed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact an NRC Region III Office Allegation Coordinator by calling (800) 522-3025. The NRC Region III Office Allegation Coordinators are Jim Heller, Paul Pelke, and Sarah Bakhsh.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
OI Synopsis

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Letter to Gerard van Noordennen from David Hills, dated March 10, 2021

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OI Synopsis

This investigation was initiated on September 10, 2019, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations, Region III, to determine whether a contract radiologic controls technician at the Zion Nuclear Power Plant (Zion) in Zion, Illinois was discriminated against by management for raising a nuclear safety concern.

Based on the evidence developed, the allegation that a contract radiologic controls technician at Zion was discriminated against by management for raising a nuclear safety concern is not substantiated.