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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (4-2023-018)

Dear Robert Schuetz:

This refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Office of Investigations regarding activities at Columbia Generating Station. The Office of Investigations initiated the investigation to determine whether a former Nuclear Security Officer (NSO), at Columbia Generating Station (CGS), Richland, Washington, was subjected to discrimination for raising nuclear safety concerns at CGS.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, the concern that a former NSO employed at CGS was discriminated against for raising nuclear safety concerns while employed at CGS was not substantiated. The NRC plans no further action related to the discrimination aspect of this allegation and considers this investigation closed.

You should note that final NRC documents, including the complete investigation report and supporting documentation, may be made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act subject to redaction of information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. Requests under the Freedom of Information Act should be made in accordance with 10 CFR 9.23, "Requests for Records." Information is accessible from the NRC's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/foia-request.html#how>.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Sincerely,

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