

May 29, 2001

Mr. J. Morris  
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Nuclear Management Company, LLC  
2807 West County Road 75  
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SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NUMBER OI 3-2000-019

Dear Mr. Morris:

This letter refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), in part, to determine if managers at the Monticello Nuclear Power Plant deliberately discriminated against a draftsman for raising safety concerns. Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, we concluded that insufficient evidence exists to substantiate that the draftsman's employment was terminated for raising safety concerns. Therefore, we are closing this concern and providing you a copy of the synopsis from the OI report of investigation.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact James Heller or Andrea Kock of the NRC Region III staff at telephone numbers 1-800-522-3025 or (630) 829-9500.

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Sincerely,

/RA/ Roy. J. Caniano for

John A. Grobe, Director  
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No. 50-263  
License No. DPR-22

Enclosure: As stated

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## SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on April 17, 2000, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations, Region III, to determine whether managers at the Monticello Nuclear Power Plant deliberately discriminated against a contract draftsman for raising safety concerns relating to procedural deficiencies with official plant drawings by terminating the contractor's employment at Monticello.

Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, it is concluded that insufficient evidence exists to substantiate that the contract draftsman was terminated on November 19, 1999, for raising safety concerns at Monticello.