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Subject: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS CASE NO. 1-2005-040

Dear Mr. Matton:

The NRC Region I Field Office, Office of Investigations (OI), initiated an investigation on September 28, 2005, to determine if a former nuclear medicine technologist (NMT) with the Washington Hospital Center (WHC) was discriminated against for raising safety concerns. Specifically, the NMT claimed that his employment at WHC was terminated on August 15, 2003, for having raised safety concerns internally to WHC management.

Based on evidence developed during the investigation, OI did not substantiate that the NMT was discriminated against as a result of raising safety concerns. Specifically, the NRC did not substantiate that the NMT's employment was terminated by WHC for having raised safety concerns regarding hot lab security. The OI report indicates that managers responsible for the NMT's termination were not aware of his/her protected activity. In addition, OI found that the individuals identified by the NMT, who the NMT indicated could provide a nexus between the NMT raising safety concerns and his/her termination, did not support the NMT's belief that a nexus existed.

Please note that final NRC investigation documents, such as the OI report described above, may be made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) subject to redaction of information appropriate under the FOIA. Requests under the FOIA should be made in accordance with 10 CFR 9.23, Requests for Records, a copy of which is enclosed for your information.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

George Pangburn, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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