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**SUBJECT: EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT – INVESTIGATIVE SYNOPSIS, OFFICE OF
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The NRC determined that there was insufficient evidence to substantiate the allegation that a senior engineer was discriminated against for raising nuclear safety concerns. We plan no further action with regard to this matter. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), Region II (RII), on September 16, 2013, to determine whether a Senior Engineer employed at Hatch Nuclear Plant (Hatch) was discriminated against for raising nuclear safety concerns.

Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, OI:RII did not substantiate that the Senior Engineer was discriminated against for raising nuclear safety concerns at Hatch.

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