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SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 2-2014-016

Dear Mr. Presley:

This letter refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI) to determine if a Foreman, Supervisor and/or potentially others at Chicago Bridge and Iron in Lake Charles, Louisiana (CB&I-LC) deliberately attempted to "cover up" the fact that an unqualified welder was allowed to weld rebar. The results of the OI investigation were documented in OI Report No. 2-2014-016 dated March 24, 2015. The evidence obtained during this investigation confirmed that the welder did perform rebar welds even though he was not qualified to do so. However, NRC's review of CB&I-LC's corrective actions taken upon discovery of the welder's lack of qualifications determined that they were acceptable for the situation and were not an attempt to "cover up" the situation. The NRC has concluded that the evidence developed during the course of the investigation did not substantiate that a willful act occurred.

Please note that the complete OI investigation report, including supporting documentation, may be made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) subject to redaction of information pursuant to the FOIA. Requests under the FOIA should be made in accordance with 10 CFR 9.23, "Requests for Records." The instructions for making a request of information under the FOIA are accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/foia-privacy.html>.

In accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, and your response, if any, will be 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 Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Dori Willis, Senior Allegations Coordinator of NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, toll free at (800) 368-5642.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by Michael C. Cheok)

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