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SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 2-2015-015

Dear Mr. Whitley:

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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> (i.e., the Public Electronic Reading Room).

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

Sincerely,

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