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SUBJECT: OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION – INVESTIGATIVE SYNOPSIS, OFFICE OF  
INVESTIGATIONS CASE NUMBER 2-2015-0049

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Sincerely,

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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 3, 2015, to determine whether a contract carpenter employed by Chicago Bridge and Iron (CB&I) at Oconee Nuclear Plant was discriminated against for raising safety concerns.

Based upon the evidence developed during this investigation, OI: RII did not substantiate that a contract carpenter was discriminated against for having raised safety concerns.

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