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The Honorable Edward Markey, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy Conservation and Power
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed for your information is an announcement that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is citing General Public Utilities Nuclear Corporation for an alleged violation of requirements governing employee discrimination in the cleanup program at the Three Mile Island 2 nuclear power plant.

This announcement will be mailed to the news media today.

Sincerely,

Carlton Kammerer, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:
As stated

cc: Rep. Carlos Moorhead

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NRC STAFF PROPOSES TO FINE GPU NUCLEAR \$64,000

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is citing General Public Utilities Nuclear Corporation (GPUN) for an alleged violation of requirements governing employee discrimination in the cleanup program at the Three Mile Island 2 nuclear power plant. A \$64,000 fine is being proposed.

The staff found that a contractor of GPUN discriminated against Richard D. Parks, a former employee of Bechtel Corporation, who brought safety concerns regarding the refurbishment of the "polar crane" used in Unit 2 to the attention of the NRC staff in February 1983. Under NRC regulations, a licensee is held responsible for acts of discrimination whether committed directly or through contractor personnel. Mr. Parks' concerns related to GPUN's failure to follow approved administrative procedures during refurbishment of the "polar crane." The licensee was cited by the NRC staff in February 1984 for failure to follow those procedures.

Mr. Parks claimed that, as a result of bringing his concerns to his management and to the attention of the NRC staff, he was subjected to harassment and intimidation. An investigation of his claims was conducted by the Department of Labor. Based on its review of the investigation report, the NRC staff concluded that acts of discrimination against Mr. Parks did occur, constituting an alleged violation of NRC requirements for which a \$64,000 fine is proposed.

GPUN has 30 days to submit a written statement or explanation admitting or denying the alleged violation; the reason for an admitted violation; the corrective steps that have or will be taken and the results achieved; corrective actions which will be taken to avoid similar violations in the future; and the date when full compliance will be achieved. Further, GPUN has 30 days to pay the proposed fine or to protest its imposition in whole or in part. If it later is imposed, a hearing may be requested.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been advised of this enforcement action.

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