



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
REGION II  
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August 05, 2013

Mr. Joseph Carson, PE  
10953 Twin Harbour Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37934

Dear Mr. Carson:

I am responding to your letter to me of July 18, 2013. On behalf of Chairman McFarlane and the Commissioners, I also am responding to your letter to them of July 19, 2013. Your letters are in apparent response to earlier correspondence I sent you regarding concerns you raised involving the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) interpretation of the term "prohibited personnel practices" and the inability of TVA employees to raise nuclear safety issues to the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) (as whistleblowers). In my letter, I sought to explain why the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has no jurisdiction in this matter, and I described the current avenues available to TVA employees for reporting nuclear safety concerns and the actions the NRC has taken to address the Fukushima disaster.

Your letters of July 18 and 19 have been reviewed, and we did not identify any new or additional information that would cause us to change the conclusions documented in my letter to you of July 12, 2013. Nonetheless, to the extent your letters may be read as suggesting that we have addressed your concerns inappropriately, those concerns, as well as my letter of July 12, are being provided to our Office of Inspector General (OIG) for their review and any actions they deem necessary. You may contact Ms. Rosanna Raspa, Senior Assistant for Investigations, Office of Inspector General, at (301) 415-5954 for information concerning this matter. Thank you for informing us of your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victor M. McCree".

Victor M. McCree  
Regional Administrator

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Letter to Joseph Carson from Victor M. McCree dated August 5, 2013

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