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Mr. Eugene J. Dreger
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Re: OHA Case No. VBB-0021

Dear Mr. Dreger:

This letter concerns the complaint of reprisal that you submitted to the Department of Energy under 10 C.F.R. Part 708. You have filed a petition for Secretarial review of the appeal decision issued to you by the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) on June 27, 2000.

The Part 708 regulations applicable to the petition provide that the Secretary will reverse or revise the OHA appeal decision only under extraordinary circumstances. 10 C.F.R. § 708.35(d). After fully evaluating all the issues that you raised in your filings in this case, I have determined that you have not shown that extraordinary circumstances warranting Secretarial review exist in this case. No modification to the OHA appeal decision is therefore warranted. Accordingly, the petition for Secretarial review is hereby dismissed, and the appeal decision issued to you on June 27, 2000, constitutes the final agency decision on your complaint.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Virginia Lipton at telephone number (202) 426-1436.

Sincerely,

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