

**OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission**

Memorandum of Interview

Case No: 07-63

On June 23, 2008, Sharon DALY, Vice President Human Resources, General Electric (GE) Energy was interviewed by Special Agents (SA's) (b)(7)c Office of the Inspector General (OIG), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), concerning a potential conflict of interest by a former NRC Commissioner while seeking post employment opportunities. DALY provided essentially the following information.

DALY stated that as Vice President Human Resources, she is responsible for hiring, training, compensation and leadership development. DALY first learned of Jeffrey MERRIFIELD, former NRC Commissioner in May 2007, when MERRIFIELD was referred to GE by Andrew WHITE, Vice President, GE Nuclear. DALY said WHITE told her that MERRIFIELD was referred to him through Christopher CRANE, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Exelon. DALY did not believe this to be unusual because 40% of all employment candidates are referrals. Furthermore, DALY related that CRANE has an understanding of the nuclear industry and his opinion on potential employees is taken seriously.

DALY stated that David HUNT, Human Resources, GE, scheduled interviews with MERRIFIELD, and MERRIFIELD was interviewed for a Business Development position within GE Nuclear in mid-June 2007. DALY further stated that this was the only "face-to-face" meeting that she had with MERRIFIELD. During the interview, DALY said that she discussed the role, responsibilities, expectations as well as GE Energy as a business with MERRIFIELD. DALY said that the interview was held at the GE facility in Schenectady, NY, and prior to MERRIFIELD's interview, she had no interaction with him.

DALY had no other contact with MERRIFIELD after the interview. The last correspondence DALY had concerning MERRIFIELD was when she received an e-mail stating that MERRIFIELD declined GE's employment offer. DALY said there were no attempts to make any counteroffers.

DALY did not recall being carbon copied on any e-mails concerning a potential conflict of interest with regards to MERRIFIELD. However, DALY explained that GE has internal protocols in place that are required when dealing with federal government employees to ensure that the company is not put in a compromising position. DALY believed that MERRIFIELD did not receive any special treatment or consideration while he was negotiating employment with GE. In addition, DALY said she never spoke to MERRIFIELD's agent during employment negotiations.

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