

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

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

OIG Case No: 07-63

On April 10, 2008, (b)(7)c Office of the Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), was interviewed by (b)(7)c Office of the Inspector General (OIG), NRC, regarding personal travel conducted by MERRIFIELD. (b)(7)c provided essentially the following information:

(b)(7)c stated that he had reviewed MERRIFIELD's travel voucher # T771289 and the related airline tickets. (b)(7)c indicated that the MERRIFIELD was incorrectly paid for an additional day of per diem at the end of this trip. As noted on the voucher, MERRIFIELD ended his official travel on June 14, 2007, and his original travel plans would have returned him to Washington DC on that date. Therefore, he should have received only 75% per-diem for June 14, 2007, vice the full day rate of 100%. (b)(7)c further noted that it was MERRIFIELD's personal travel which resulted in his return being delayed until June 15, 2007; therefore, MERRIFIELD should not have received any per diem for that day.

(b)(7)c also reviewed records related to the airplane travel associated with this trip. (b)(7)c noted that MERRIFIELD should have been provided tickets at government expense for all legs of air travel up to his arrival in Boston. For subsequent personal travel, MERRIFIELD should have been (and according to the voucher was) reimbursed up to \$260, which was the cost of travel from Boston to Washington, DC. (b)(7)c indicated that actually MERRIFIELD paid, using a personal credit card, for the air travel, beginning with that originating from Spokane, WA. These airline flights totaled \$418.30. The legs from Spokane to Denver and from Denver to Boston should have been paid for by the NRC, but were included in the ticket charged to MERRIFIELD. (b)(7)c indicated that Carlson had an automated review process that would find duplicate air travel legs and refunded the costs of the unused NRC-funded legs of this trip. (b)(7)c provided copies of documents related to the personal and NRC tickets (*see attached*). (b)(7)c

Interviewed by Special Agent (b)(7)c

MOI Prepared on April 10, 2008

MOI Reviewed by/on: (b)(7)c

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