

November 4, 2014

MEMORANDUM TO: Anthony T. Gody, Director
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Region II

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Division of Fuel Cycle Safety, Safeguards,
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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SUBJECT: PROGRAM MODIFICATION REGARDING WESTINGHOUSE
ELECTRIC COMPANY AREA NEEDING IMPROVEMENT CLOSURE

During the 2009 Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC) performance review (ML090900320), the NRC identified two areas needing improvement; Safety Operations and Facility Support. During the 2010 review period, the NRC determined that the actions taken by WEC during the period had not been fully effective, in that, the NRC continued to identify similar violations in the area of Safety Operations and, as such, that this area was still in need of improvement (ML110660378). The violations were related to inconsistent identification and implementation of nuclear criticality safety controls and recurring examples of failing to identify, evaluate, and respond to off-normal conditions. As a result, the NRC augmented the core inspection effort in the area of Safety Operations – Operational Safety and Nuclear Criticality Safety (NCS).

Since identification of the area needing improvement (ANI), the NRC has conducted periodic inspections and reviews to evaluate the implementation of licensee corrective actions, specifically the implementation of the Nuclear Criticality Safety Improvement Project (NCSIP-II). During the week of May 19, 2014, a team of NRC inspectors completed an onsite inspection that reviewed the actions taken to date. The team found no issues with the analyses and implementation of revised NCS analyses that had been implemented to date. Based on the results of this inspection and progress made in the implementation of the NCSIP-II, the NRC later closed the Inspector Follow-up Item (IFI) that was used to monitor progress made on the NCSIP-II. Based on the results of recent inspections and the lack of NCS-related violations for this period, the NRC has determined that the ANI in Safety Operations no longer exists. The NRC will update the performance assessment for Westinghouse and adjust the master inspection plan to reduce inspection hours to core in accordance with Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 2600.

Approval from the Director of the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety, Safeguards, and Environmental Review is required for program adjustments that impact the approved master inspection plan. The point of contact for this approval is Jeremy Munson, at (301) 287-9148.

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I approve of the aforementioned program adjustment regarding the closure of the Westinghouse Electric Company ANI and subsequent inspection hour reduction to core in accordance with IMC 2600.

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