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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT FOR THE WESTINGHOUSE REQUEST FOR
LICENSE AMENDMENT FOR EXEMPTION FROM FISSILE
MATERIAL PACKAGE STANDARDS

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If you have questions regarding this review, please contact Adrienne Lester, of my staff. She can be reached at 301-415-6681.

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Comments on Draft Environmental Assessment for Westinghouse, Columbia, License Amendment Request

Section 1.5 Consider stating the heading as Alternative to the Proposed Action.

In addition, the alternative available to the NRC should be stated as
1. No action and continued throughout the EA in this format as
opposed to having alternative 1 and 2. Delete alternative 1 and 2
throughout the EA.

Section 3.1 This section should state whether doses from the proposed alternative
would be more, less, or equal to the doses if the amendment is denied.

In the second paragraph, the regulations for the DOT are stated. This
section may also want to state the radiation dose per hour the driver may
receive during transport to be in compliance with the DOT regulations of
0.02 mSv (2mrem) per hour.

In addition, under No Action, consider rewording to the denial of this
amendment will result in a larger number of shipments, therefore, greater
nonradiological truck emissions and possible traffic injuries or fatalities.

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