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Carolyn R. Vadala
c/o W.E.C.A.R.E
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO YOUR JULY 22, 1996 LETTER CONCERNING THE WESTINGHOUSE
ELECTRIC CORPORATION, BLOOMFIELD, NEW JERSEY FACILITY

Dear Ms. Vadala:

This refers to your letter dated July 22, 1996 (received in our office August 6, 1996) concerning the Westinghouse Electric Corporation facility in Bloomfield, New Jersey. In regard to your request for ". . . all of the reports on this property: contamination areas, maps, and levels, exposure rates to the community, water testing reports, all DOE and NRC reports and studies on every known contaminant with which this property was involved . . .", we are pursuing sending a copy of the entire contents of the docket file for this license (NRC License No. SUB-1789, Docket No. 040-12345) to the Bloomfield Township Health and Safety Office. However, consistent with regulations, information containing names or other identifiers or proprietary information may be purged or withheld. Mark Roberts of my staff contacted Richard Proctor, Director, Health and Safety for Bloomfield Township on August 8, 1996 to make preliminary arrangements for receipt of this material. Mr. Proctor indicated that he would make provisions for a suitable location in the Township (likely the Library or the Township Building) for the storage and inspection of these documents. We will inform you once a location is determined. The NRC will also include the Bloomfield Township Health and Safety Office as a recipient for future correspondence in regard to the site. Because of the large volume of materials currently in the docket file, we estimate that approximately one month will be required to copy, collate and transmit the information contained in the docket file.

In regard to your request for ". . . all DOE . . . reports", you should contact Dr. Alexander Williams at the Department of Energy (DOE) at (301)903-8149, his address is shown below. Although there may be DOE documents in our docket file for this license, the NRC does not maintain copies of all DOE documents for a given site.

In regard to your request that ". . . this site be placed onto the Superfund list as it involves Volatile Organics . . .", the NRC does not regulate volatile organics and is not responsible for the Superfund program. You should contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to address the issues of volatile organics and the Superfund program. You should also address your request for any Records of Decisions to the EPA since Records of Decisions come under EPA regulations. EPA Region II has the responsibility for the State of New Jersey and its address is shown below. A copy of your letter and this response is being forwarded to EPA - Region II.

The State of New Jersey is the appropriate contact for your request for a health effects report. A copy of your letter and this response is being forwarded to representatives of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The address of the New Jersey DEP is shown below.

In regard to your questions concerning tap water and soil testing, the NRC intends to perform soil testing on the portions of the Westinghouse Bloomfield site that have not been released for unrestricted use, in order to confirm the data in Westinghouse's final survey for the facility. Soil testing will consist of collecting soil samples from representative areas and analyzing the samples by gamma spectrometry to quantitatively and qualitatively evaluate radionuclide concentrations. Selected on-site groundwater samples will also be analyzed by gamma spectrometry to confirm the licensee's measurements. Tap water sources will be similarly analyzed. In addition to the on-site confirmatory measurements, the NRC will include selected, off-site public areas in the sampling and analysis program. Our intent is to collect and analyze a sufficient number of samples to be representative of the conditions in the site vicinity.

Following completion of the on-site and off-site confirmatory measurements, we will prepare a written report of our evaluation of the results of our sample analyses, the licensee's sample analyses and their relationship to the NRC clean-up criteria. We also intend to hold a public meeting in the Bloomfield, New Jersey area prior to final NRC action on the site and on the Westinghouse license.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Mark Roberts of my staff at (610) 337-5094 or me at (610) 337-5200.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
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WESTINGHOUSE EMPHASIZED:

CITIZEN ACTION for REBUILDING our ENVIRONMENT

157 La France Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

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US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
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July 22, 1996

Re: Westinghouse ISRA case #
86070

Dear Mr. Roberts,

Since the last time we met at our town council meeting regarding Westinghouse's contamination of our neighborhood, we have since learned of the horrid processes and mismanagement of the clean up of this site. At that time, the presentation by you, Westinghouse and the NJDEP was nothing more than the same speech which was given to Marion Crecco at the time of her inquiry five years ago. It was an insult to us!

We know the following is not a pleasant task for you, and we offer our assistance as we have in the past to all concerned. We are requesting all of the reports on this property: contamination areas, maps, and levels, exposure rates to the community, water testing reports, all DOE and NRC reports and studies on every known contaminant with which this property was involved and we want it immediately.

We also request that this site be placed onto the Superfund list as it involves Volatile Organics, among other things, and the citizens have a right to know about them and be extensively included in every step of the clean up process. We need our water tested, from the tap, and extensive soil tests. Because of the radioactive materials that were used, among other contaminants, we must be informed of what happened in the past, what is happening now and what will happen in the future as a result of leaving the contaminants in our soils.

Every childhood cancer we uncover is another mark against the ghastly processes that went unmentioned and are still being kept in silence. But this must be the beginning of the end of the silence.

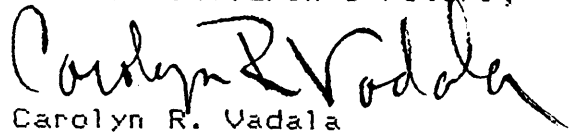
We request that you set up an area in our town with all the documents available to our inspection and at our convenience. We also request a report which will explain to us about the detrimental health effects this plant had on our health, our

2future, and the future of our children.

As we have had little cooperation from our elected officials in this town, I will repeat to you what I now tell them. If we must take legal action, the time is ripe: so be it.

I await your intelligent and immediate response.

For the Children's Future,



Carolyn R. Vadala
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P.S. Please also send all Records of Decisions.