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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO FABRICATE
A NEW DRY CONVERSION PROCESS FOR SNM-1107

Dear Ms. Parr:

I am responding to your July 3, 2007, letter in which you notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of Westinghouse Electric Company's (WEC) intent to install a new dry conversion process at the Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility. We appreciate this advance information and will use it in planning our workload and developing appropriate resource and budget requests.

According to your letter, WEC plans to construct a new building within the Controlled Access Area for the new dry conversion process. The letter also stated that the new process is in compliance with 10 CFR 70.64 "Baseline Design Criteria" requirements.

The NRC considers such a project to be a major change to your facility, which requires NRC's pre-approval before it can be implemented. For changes that require pre-approval under 10 CFR 70.72, you must submit an amendment request to the NRC in accordance with 10 CFR 70.34, "Amendment of Licenses" and 10 CFR 70.65 "Additional Content of Applications." Note that 10 CFR 70.65(b)(4) specifies that information that demonstrates compliance with 10 CFR 70.64 baseline design criteria be submitted as part of the license amendment request.

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The NRC staff looks forward to future discussions with you on this matter. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me by phone at (301) 492-3110, or via e-mail to bmr@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

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