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Mr. Li Jigen, Division Head
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Dear Mr. Li:

The Steering Committee Meeting delegation from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory (NRC) would again like to thank the National Nuclear Safety Administration (NNSA) of the People's Republic of China for hosting the May 16-23, 2015, visit to Beijing, Haiyang, and the Sanmen Nuclear Power Plants, Sanmen, China. This visit was a continuing step in our close bilateral cooperation on the AP1000 facilities that are under construction in the United States and the People's Republic of China. The NRC is committed to close cooperation with the NNSA bilaterally and also as part of the Multinational Design Evaluation Program's AP1000 Working Group.

I am responding to a set of questions regarding Westinghouse Electric Company LLC vendor issues and the AP1000 design. These questions and issues were provided by NNSA staff during the NRC delegation's visit to the Sanmen Nuclear Power Plants.

Enclosed with this letter are the NRC staff's responses to these questions. Please note that NRC's responses are based on current AP1000 certified design information as well as the combined licenses that were issued for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4 and Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Generating Station Units 2 and 3 AP1000s and COL applications for Levy, Lee, and Turkey Point.

As additional emergent AP1000 issues arise during construction I am confident that our two regulatory agencies will continue to share relevant information.

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Thank you for sharing this latest round of questions. I trust that the above information is beneficial to you. We look forward to continued bilateral and multilateral cooperation on these important issues. If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-8076 or via e-mail at Lawrence.Burkhart@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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