

July 17, 2015

Ms. Gay Fussell, Deputy Director
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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REVIEW OF WESTINGHOUSE
HEMATITE FINAL STATUS SURVEY ISSUES AND ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL
AND REGULATORY BASES AND PATHS MOVING FORWARD

Dear Ms. Fussell:

In a July 8, 2015 telephone call between Mess. Mike Norato and Larry Camper of the NRC and Mess. Doug Weaver, Joe Smetanka and José Emeterio Gutiérrez of Westinghouse, the NRC committed to provide Westinghouse by July 17, 2015, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) needs regarding information associated with Hematite's Final Status Survey (FSS). The enclosures to this letter include a listing of each of the FSS issues, the technical and regulatory bases for the issue and a proposed path forward. Enclosure 1 was developed by NRC Headquarters while Enclosure 2 was developed by NRC Region III and is associated with Information Follow-up Items (IFI) from Inspection Reports IR070-00036/201501 and IR070-00036/2015002.

It is our understanding that Mr. Camper committed to having a call on the afternoon of July 21, 2015 to permit Westinghouse to ask clarifying questions regarding the contents of the two Enclosures. This was to be followed by a publicly noticed meeting on July 28-29, 2015 in Rockville, MD. However, Mr. Smetanka subsequently requested that the call on July 21st be delayed until later in the week.

On July 23, 2015, the call will occur but will be limited to NRC HQ personnel as cognizant NRC Regional Personnel familiar with Hematite are unavailable on the 23rd. NRC Region III's call with Westinghouse will occur sometime the week of August 3rd. Region III will contact you regarding the time and date for the call.

Cognizant NRC personnel will be unavailable for a meeting on July 28-29, 2015. Therefore, that meeting has been rescheduled for August 10-11 at the NRC offices in Rockville, MD.

You will note that associated with the Paths Forward in Enclosure 2, the NRC has in some cases included NRC review and approval of Westinghouse Hematite procedures. While it is typical for the NRC to review licensee's procedures, it is atypical for the NRC to approve procedures. In this instance the NRC determined that approval was necessary so that there was no ambiguity as to what was expected and how success would be demonstrated.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Please contact Mr. John Hayes if you have any questions concerning the above. He can be reached at (301) 415-5928 or via email at John.Hayes@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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