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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INSPECTION OF THE
WESTINGHOUSE COLUMBIA FUEL FABRICATION FACILITY PER
CHANGES MADE IN CALENDAR YEAR 2015
(DOCKET NUMBER 70-1151)

The staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) at Headquarters, completed a review of the changes made to the Westinghouse Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility (Westinghouse) in Hopkins, South Carolina, during calendar year 2015. The changes documented in the January 25, 2016, submittal (Ref. 1) met the requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 70.72, in that prior approval from the NRC was unnecessary.

As documented in Enclosure 1 of this memorandum, the Headquarters staff has recommendations for the Region II staff to consider as part of routine inspections. The recommendations do not imply any imminent safety concerns; instead, the recommendations are made to give assurance, in addition to that given by Westinghouse in following established procedures, that the changes were implemented correctly. Enclosure 2 is a summary of the

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 287-0651, or via e-mail to Christopher.Ryder@nrc.gov.

Enclosures:

1. Inspection Recommendations
2. Summary of Facility Changes
3. Aspects of the 2015 ISA Summary

References

1. Letter from N. Parr, Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, "Westinghouse 10 CFR 70.72 Facility Change Report", January 25, 2016. ADAMS Accession Number ML15026A026.
2. Letter from N. Parr, Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, "Westinghouse January 2016 Updated Integrated Safety Analysis (ISA) Summary", January 25, 2016. ADAMS Accession Number ML16026A052.

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