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Docket Nos. 30-05588
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License Nos. 31-13372-01G
SNM-182

Westinghouse Electric Corporation
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection Report No. 85-01

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. R. H. Ladun of this office on February 26, 1985 of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. 31-13372-01 and SNM-182 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. R. H. Ladun with yourself at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of your licenses. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

Our inspector also verified the steps you have taken to correct the violations brought to your attention in the enclosure to our letter dated January 2, 1979. We have no further questions regarding the steps you took to correct item A.1. With regard to item A.2, this item has recurred.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This violation has been categorized by severity level in accordance with the revised NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (49 FR 8583) dated March 8, 1984. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

With respect to Appendix A, we note that you have corrected Item No. B, and therefore you need not address yourself to this matter in your response.

Item A in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter was identified during a previous inspection of your licensed activities on December 13, 1978, and was documented in the enclosure to our letter dated January 2, 1979. Your letter to this office dated January 18, 1979 stated that a stack sample will be taken per Specification 203-8-73 Section (8). From our February 26, 1985 inspection it appears that the stated corrective actions were not implemented since this item remains uncorrected. Recurrent and uncorrected violations

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are given additional weight in the consideration and selection of appropriate enforcement action. Therefore, in your response to this letter, you should give particular attention to those actions taken or planned to ensure that identified items of noncompliance will be completely corrected and will not recur.

The Department of Energy has identified plutonium/beryllium (PuBe) sources with end caps not welded in place and has recommended appropriate nondestructive examination of the outer end cap welds of all PuBe sources. Our inspector was not able to visually examine your sources nor take wipe samples from their end caps since the sources were in an inaccessible location. It is our understanding that these sources have not been wipe tested since 1975. License Condition 13.A requires that wipes be done on an "accessible" surface; consequently every (6) months you have been wiping the rod holder surface. Due to the nature of the source holder, we agree this appears to be the only radiologically safe way of complying with the condition. However, if the sources are ever moved, you are advised that a wipe test of the end caps themselves should be performed at that time.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
John D. Kinneman

John D. Kinneman, Chief
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Enclosure: Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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