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Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

SUBJECT: Clarification of Information Provided in Westinghouse letter NSD-NRC-96-4889, Mr. N. J. Liparulo to Mr. Frank J. Miraglia, Jr., dated November 21, 1996.

Dear Ms. Craig:

The purpose of this letter is to provide to the NRC a clarification of the information provided in the subject letter of November 21, 1996 regarding Westinghouse's position with respect to the proprietary classification of previously submitted information on the topic of Incomplete Rod Cluster Control Assembly (RCCA) Insertion. In your four letters to Westinghouse, all dated October 16, 1996, you detailed information from meeting presentation material that had been voluntarily submitted by Westinghouse, from meetings held on March 25, May 15, June 27, and September 9, 1996, that was considered proprietary by Westinghouse, to which the NRC did not agree with the proprietary classification.

Upon our further detailed review of this information we have determined that we are indeed willing to permit public disclosure of the majority of the items outlined in your four letters dated October 16, 1996. As stated in our letter of November 21, 1996 (NSD-NRC-96-4889), we want to make it clear that we still consider the information which we are willing to release to be proprietary, but we have concluded as a matter of judgement that the value of such information to us is outweighed by the value of reaching an amicable agreement with the NRC on this important issue.

To this end, we authorize the public disclosure of the information outlined in your four letters dated October 16, 1996 wherein you disagreed with our proprietary classifications, with the exception of the following:

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Concerning proprietary information material made available to the NRC staff from a meeting held on May 15, 1996, you indicated that you did not concur that the following information was indeed proprietary:

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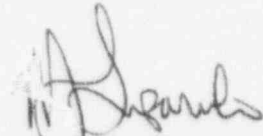
(Non-proprietary elsewhere)

Westinghouse must respectfully disagree with your conclusion and ask that this material remain proprietary and not be disclosed to the public. Westinghouse has reviewed its documentation and verified that this information is indeed proprietary and must be afforded the requisite safeguards from public disclosure.

In addition, it is noteworthy to reiterate herein that the NRC staff has already agreed to maintain as proprietary other information contained in the referenced documents and we request that proprietary protection continue to be provided to that information as well.

If you should have any questions concerning the attached list, please contact Mr. H. A. Sepp, Manager, Regulatory and Licensing Initiatives. He may be reached at (412) 374-5282.

Very truly yours,



N. J. Liparulo, Manager
Regulatory and Engineering Networks

cc: M. P. Seimens