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Mr. John C. Hoyle
Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001



Attention: Chief, Docketing and Service Branch

Subject: NRC Strategic Assessment and Rebaselining (61 Federal Register 195; October 7, 1996), Request for Comments

Dear Mr. Hoyle:

Westinghouse has reviewed the Direction Setting Issue (DSI) papers which form a part of the NRC Strategic Assessment and Rebaselining Initiative. We support and endorse the comments being provided by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on behalf of the nuclear power industry. In addition, we have provided additional comments, included as an attachment herein, to certain DSI papers of specific significance to Westinghouse.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these important issues. Additionally, Westinghouse is always willing to meet with the NRC to further discuss any facet of our comments. Should you wish to discuss our comments in greater detail, please contact Mr. H. A. Sepp, Manager, Regulatory and Licensing Initiatives at (412) 374-5282 at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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Westinghouse Comments
on
Direction Setting Issue Papers
from
NRC Strategic Assessment and Rebaselining Initiative

DSI 4: NRC'S RELATIONSHIP WITH AGREEMENT STATES

Westinghouse Comments:

Westinghouse endorses the preliminary views expressed by the Commission that Option 3 be adopted. We also endorse the Commission's compromise position recommending free training to be provided to Agreement States with Agreement States bearing the costs for travel and technical assistance. This situation is similar to NRC workshops and conferences currently being conducted at no cost to the public, but the public bears travel and other related costs. If the costs are borne by the Agreement States, there is a higher probability that these costs will be managed more efficiently than if they were borne by the NRC.