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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 6: HIGH-LEVEL WASTE AND SPENT FUEL

Westinghouse Comments:

Westinghouse believes that a strong NRC involvement would be helpful in achieving progress in the HLW programs. To achieve this Westinghouse would propose a combination of Options 1, 2, and 5. We would be supportive of attempts to have Congress and the Administration establish the development of an integrated spent fuel storage and disposal system with proposed schedule and budgets. In parallel with developing a comprehensive program, it is important to reduce potential uncertainties in the HLW programs by modifying NRC programs. In addition to the activities proposed, we would propose additional programs on developing regulatory acceptance criteria. This could allow for the public debate to become more focused on compliance issues. Westinghouse also believes that the activities in Option 5 need to be further explored. With the current HLW programs in a state of debate, a realistic interim approach requires programs be developed and implemented on the storage of spent fuel.