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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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DSI 24: DECOMMISSIONING - POWER REACTORS

Westinghouse Comments:

Westinghouse endorses Option 1, "Continue Current Direction and Approaches for Decommissioning of Power Reactors", as a preferred approach for the NRC.

A suggestion for possible future NRC activities would be the development of proposed criteria for "current" realistic decommissioning activities. Current criteria assumes that reactors will either be "Safe Stored" or Decommissioned. With the lack of off-site spent fuel storage programs, and the reduction of waste storage facilities, many utilities are forced to conduct partial Decommissioning of their plants. This type of activity is not explicitly covered by existing regulatory criteria. The development of additional criteria or guidance could help in eliminating uncertainties for utility planning.

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