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LICENSEE: Westinghouse Electric Corporation  
Commercial Nuclear Fuel Division  
Columbia, South Carolina

SUBJECT: SAFEGUARDS EVALUATION REPORT: SUBMITTAL DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1996,  
AND FEBRUARY 7, 1997, REVISIONS TO FUNDAMENTAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL  
CONTROL PLAN

BACKGROUND

By a letter dated November 15, 1996, Westinghouse requested a schedule change for the 1997 physical inventory at its fuel fabrication facility, and subsequently rescinded this request by a letter dated January 14, 1997. Therefore, no action was taken for this amendment request. In a separate application dated February 7, 1997, Westinghouse submitted changes to its Fundamental Nuclear Material Control (FNMC) Plan, none of which represented a decrease in effectiveness relative to the commitments in the existing approved Plan. Thus, the submitted FNMC Plan revisions qualify as changes permitted by 10 CFR 70.32(c).

DISCUSSION

Twenty changes to the licensee's FNMC Plan were submitted, which affected the text of eleven Plan pages within Chapters 3.0 (Management Structures) and 5.0 (Physical Inventories). However, every page of the affected sections was submitted with a new designated date and revision number. These Plan changes pertained to:

- Describing assignments of MC&A responsibility for the Safeguards Coordinator and the Manager of Regulatory Affairs;
- Strengthening the joint overall responsibility of the Safeguards Coordinator and the Manager of Regulatory Affairs for the conduct of physical inventory; and
- Clarifying various inventory practices with minor wording changes.

All of the proposed changes had been previously discussed with the NRC MC&A licensing reviewer, and upon review of these submitted changes, they were found to be acceptable.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The staff has determined that the submitted FNMC Plan changes do not adversely affect public health and safety, the common defense and security, or the environment and are otherwise in the public interest. The provisions in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(12) cite an exclusion for safeguards plans and material accountability. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is warranted for this action.

#### CONCLUSION

The staff concludes that the licensee's FNMC Plan revisions are acceptable, and that the revised Plan contains appropriate and necessary commitments to satisfy applicable MC&A regulations specified in 10 CFR 74.31.

The Operations Branch (FCOB) inspection staff has no objection to this proposed action.

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