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SUBJECT: WESTINGHOUSE OWNERS GROUP EMERGENCY OPERATING
PROCEDURES (EOPs)

Dear Mr. Drake:

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To accurately assess risk of the proceduralized actions that operators are intended to take in response to these scenarios, it is necessary to have the latest generic Emergency Operating Procedures (and any others) concerning operator response to a main steam line break, steam generator tube rupture, station blackout, etc., including refilling the refueling water storage tank, throttling safety injection pumps, auxiliary feedwater operation, etc. This letter, therefore, requests that you submit the necessary EOPs to allow the NRC staff to assess this risk.

After their use in this capacity, they will be used to replace the Westinghouse EOPs in the NRC Operations Center, which are somewhat dated. Those involved understand these procedures contain proprietary information and will handle them appropriately. The staff involved has been trying to obtain these since May 2000, and at this point needs them as soon as possible, as you can see by the schedule.

If you have any questions, please call me at 301-415-1313.

Sincerely,

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