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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON DISTRIBUTION FOR WESTINGHOUSE
OWNERS GROUP EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDELINES AND RELATED
DOCUMENTS

Dear Mr. Bischoff:

Whenever it is available, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Technical Training Center (TTC) staff makes extensive use of up-to-date technical information from direct sources to augment students understanding of reactor operations. The Westinghouse Owners Group (WOG) Emergency Response Guidelines (ERGs) have, for several years, been a very important part of initial and refresher training for NRC inspectors and operator licensing examiners. However, the copies of the ERGs available to the TTC have come from several unofficial sources and on occasion have been found to be outdated.

The NRC staff believes it important for quality of training that the TTC be on direct, official distribution for the following documents:

- WOG ERGs - Latest versions for high-pressure and low-pressure systems
- ERG Maintenance Items
- Severe Accident Management Guidelines (SAMGs)
- Abnormal Response Guidelines (ARGs)

There are several groups within NRC that have also expressed a need for these documents. Therefore, it is requested that the NRC be provided with six sets of the documents listed above. The documents would be most useful if also provided in electronic format. The ERGs for Combustion Engineering and General Electric have been placed on the NRC internal training web site, with the respective Owners Group's approval, for use by NRC employees. The staff requests WOG approval to also place the WOG ERGs on the internal training site.

If direct distribution for the requested documents is possible, please send an electronic copy of each (and changes to the documents, as they occur) to the following addresses:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Technical Training Center
Chief, Reactor Technology Training
5746 Marlin Road, Suite 200
Chattanooga, TN 37411-5677

and

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Project Manager, Westinghouse Owners Group
Washington, D. C. 20555-0001

On a separate but related topic, the staff has received invitations to observe the verification and validation exercises performed by the WOG for the ERGs and the ARGs. This is an excellent way for the TTC staff to interface with the WOG personnel involved with the development of these documents, and the staff would greatly appreciate the WOG continuing to issue such invitations. In addition to the written invitations previously sent to the WOG Project Manager, the staff would appreciate a phone invitation to Ralph Jones of the TTC staff. Mr. Jones may be reached at (423) 855-6512.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Drew Holland of my staff at (301) 415-1436 or Steve Showe of the TTC staff at (423) 855-6521.

Sincerely,

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