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Dear Mr. Woodlan:

Thank you for your attention to my PRM-50-76 per your communication to Secretary, USNRC, STARS-02017 dated October 24, 2002 and docketed by USNRC on November 6, 2002.

Although you oppose my petition, I am pleased that you have read it. You may find it useful as reference material since the issues are not likely to go away.

The main point of this letter is to encourage you to become familiar with the recent Westinghouse work in this area. As you are likely aware, Westinghouse in its letter to the Secretary, USNRC, also opposes PRM-50-76. On page 2 of the attachment to its letter, LTR-NRC-02-53, October 22, 2002, Westinghouse states in the first line of the last paragraph, "More recently, Westinghouse conducted tests with pure oxygen as the oxidant instead of steam."

Now, I have had no success in getting a copy of the Westinghouse documentation. However, I believe that organizations like STARS should become familiar with the work. Very frankly, I am amazed that Westinghouse has not submitted the documentation to the USNRC in view of its having referred to the work as part of its basis for opposing my PRM-50-76.

Again, thank you for your attention to this.

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