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MEMORANDUM TO: William Ruland, Director
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 9 AND 10, 2002,
WITH WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY REGARDING
SEMI-ANNUAL FUEL UPDATE

On December 9 and 10, 2002, closed meetings were held in Monroeville, Pennsylvania between a representative of the Westinghouse Electric Company (W) and the NRC staff. The purpose of the meeting was for W to present their semi-annual fuel update.

W began with an overview of the fuel performance update and initiatives to address performance issues. The meeting continued with actions to mitigate control element assembly cracking and assembly bowing. W updated the staff on the status of departure from nucleate boiling testing, the closure of the Columbia Test Facility and the operation of two alternate facilities. W discussed fuel and materials development, including the next generation fuel, fuel rod features, heat transfer margin and test results. W completed the first day of the meeting with planned upgrades for the Combustion Engineering fleet.

The second day included a discussion on code development as well as an overview of nuclear models, training and W regulatory issues. The staff was invited to tour the Blairsville, Pennsylvania site following the presentation. W thanked the staff for their time. At the conclusion of the meeting, the staff expressed their appreciation to W for the semi-annual fuel update meeting.

W. Ruland

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An attendance list is provided in the attachment. The slides used during the meeting are proprietary.

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REGARDING SEMI-ANNUAL FUEL UPDATE MEETING

DECEMBER 9 AND 10, 2002

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