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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 4, 2003, TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

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SENT TO MR. MICHAEL CORLETTI OF WESTINGHOUSE  
VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ON JANUARY 15, 2003,  
IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEBRUARY 4, 2003,  
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WCAP-15922, Section 3, "Evaluation of Potential Human Commission Errors," does not address the possibility of a plant malfunction (such as failed indication) inhibiting an operator's ability to respond (The Data Display and Processing system (DDS) is a non-safety related computer-based system that can be failed). What is the backup provision to support the analyses described in the WCAP-15992?

WESTINGHOUSE STAFF INPUT  
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WCAP-15992, ["AP1000 Adverse System Interactions Evaluation Report,"] evaluates adverse system interactions. Defense-in-depth [DID] provides redundant and diverse means to monitor and accomplish each safety function, reducing the possibility of unmitigated interactions. Passive systems have reduced the need for operator response. If an I&C [instrumentation and control] system fails, operators are directed to use backup and/or alternate means to respond, as in ATWS [anticipated transient without scram] scenarios or a Common Mode Failure [CMF] analysis. The systems remaining available for use will depend upon the hypothesized failure and its results. However, the reliability of the I&C architecture and the adequacy of its DID are established independent of the issue of adverse system interactions. Bounding single failures of plant equipment are addressed by FMEA [failure modes and effects analysis] and safety analysis. Multiple failures of equipment and operators are addressed by PRA [probabilistic risk assessment] and CMF analysis.

Credible human errors of commission are considered in this report as possible complicating factors for selected adverse system interactions. No credible human errors of commission were found to have significant impact by the present analysis. Therefore, no additional issues were raised about the adequacy of the I&C systems design, including the extent of its backup systems and facilities.

Basically, we do not see the need to update the WCAP for his issue. However, the above discussion could be folded into the WCAP if Hulbert [Li, the NRC staff reviewer] believes it addresses his issue.

NRC STAFF COMMENTS  
DISCUSSED WITH WESTINGHOUSE STAFF  
DURING THE FEBRUARY 4, 2003, TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL AND  
SENT TO MR. MICHAEL CORLETTI OF WESTINGHOUSE  
VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ON FEBRUARY 5, 2003.

Reference: WCAP-15847, "AP1000 Quality Assurance Procedures Supporting NRC Review of AP1000 DCD [Design Control Document] Sections 18.2 and 18.8" Section AP-3.14, "Plant Instrumentation and Control [I&C] System."

With regard to the Instrumentation and Control (I&C) design process, WCAP-15847 has not addressed the Life Cycle Design Process for a digital I&C protection system. Westinghouse should revise WCAP-15847 to include the Life Cycle Design Process as discussed in WCAP-15927, "Design Process for AP1000 Common Q Safety Systems," and WCAP-13383, "AP600 Instrumentation and Control Hardware and Software Design, Verification, and Validation Process Report."

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