



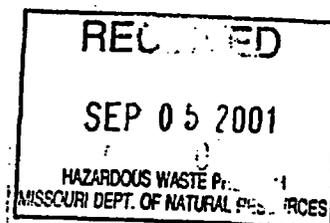
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Mr. Stephen M. Mahfood, Director
Department of Natural Resources
State of Missouri
P. O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65103-0176



Dear Mr. Mahfood:

I am responding to your letter of July 23, 2001, regarding the anticipated decommissioning of the former Westinghouse Electric Company, C-E Nuclear Power LLC Hematite Fuel Operations facility in Jefferson County, Missouri.

Decades of facility operations have resulted in contamination of the buildings and grounds with radiological materials regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), that must be characterized and remediated prior to termination of the NRC license. In addition, we recognize that there is potential contamination onsite and offsite involving materials not regulated by the NRC, but subject to regulation by others, including the State of Missouri, Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). We understand and appreciate your interest in this decommissioning project.

The NRC will regulate the radiological decommissioning process at this facility with full regard for the interests of involved stakeholders. MDNR, as a potential co-regulator, is a primary stakeholder. We intend to maintain open communications with your agency during the decommissioning process. NRC shares your objective to protect the health and safety of Missouri citizens and their environment.

As a first step in this process, we have been in contact with Ron Kucera and Julieann Warren of your staff, and have scheduled a meeting with them and others in your Jefferson City offices on August 30, 2001. The main purposes of this meeting are to briefly discuss the NRC decommissioning process, identify State of Missouri concerns, and begin a dialogue between our agencies that we anticipate will last through the decommissioning process. NRC representatives will include Region III staff and management, as well as staff and management from the Headquarters Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards.

We look forward to providing your staff with information about our decommissioning program. We are very interested in dialogue with MDNR staff on any technical questions or issues, including the issues raised in your July 23 letter about shallow groundwater contamination. As

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we acquire site characterization information, and as plans are developed for meeting NRC's criteria for radiological cleanup of the site, we intend to share this information with you and look forward to working cooperatively with your staff on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James F. Caldwell". To the left of the signature is a small, stylized handwritten mark that appears to be "JR".

J. E. Dyer
Regional Administrator

cc: R. Kucera, MDNR
J. Greeves, NMSS
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