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Date: April 6, 2004

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

Place: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
Two White Flint North, Room T8-A1
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Purpose: To Discuss the Draft Decommissioning Plan (DP), Financial Assurance, and supporting documents related to decommissioning of the former Hematite fuel fabrication facility. Also, to discuss the submission of additional portions of the DP using a phased approach

Attendees: Attachment A

Discussion:

The attendees present for this working meeting included NRC and licensee staff, an individual representing a past site owner, and an observer from the French Nuclear Safety Authority. A Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) representative also participated in the meeting via the telephone. No other members of the public were present either in person or by phone.

Westinghouse is required by license condition to submit a decommissioning plan for decommissioning of the Hematite site by April 30, 2004. On February 27, 2004, at the conclusion of meeting on this subject, the licensee requested NRC for this follow-on working meeting to brief the NRC on the details of its draft DP in the open portion of the meeting, and in a closed portion to review Westinghouse's commitment to the submittal of a site-wide Decommissioning Funding Plan (DFP). The Westinghouse representatives provided participants with copies of the draft DP and draft DP checklist documents (prepared in accordance with NRC's NUREG 1757; Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance), for briefing NRC staff. The Westinghouse presentation generally followed the draft documents which were collected at the conclusion of the presentation.

The licensee's draft DP is focused on a phased decommissioning approach. Under this approach the site would be divided into "areas of concern," and these "areas" would be cleaned up incrementally, according to an alternate schedule approved by NRC. The alternate schedule allows the licensee to complete portions of the overall site decommissioning as characterization information of the area becomes available. The licensee expressed the clear understanding that it is required to submit to NRC a site-wide DFP at the same time as the DP submittal on April 30, 2004, as required by the license condition. After the conclusion of the Westinghouse presentation, NRC management informed the licensee that there appears to be a path forward for NRC review of the DP based on the licensee's proposed plan for submittal of the DP, DFP, and supporting documents on April 30, 2004.

Actions:

1. The licensee will submit an application to amend Chapter 2 of the current license - (Organization and Administration), by April 23, 2004.

2. On April 30, 2004, as required by the license condition, the licensee will submit a request for license amendment to include incorporation of Hematite site DP, DFP, and supporting documents into the license. The request will include a request for acceptance of an alternate schedule for submittal of various phases of DP.

3. Each DP phase submittal will include updated cost estimate and schedule. All DP- phase submittals will be within 24 months.

4. The licensee will submit an application to amend the current license with detailed plans for decontamination, decommissioning, and demolition of on-site buildings and structures by July 2004.

5. NRC will meet with MDNR, following receipt of the DP but before completion of the 90-day NRC acceptance review.

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