

July 29, 2004

MEMORANDUM TO: Kenneth G. O'Brien, Chief
Decommissioning Branch (DB)
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety (DNMS),

FROM: George M. McCann, Senior Health Physicist, DB */RA/*

SUBJECT: WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY PUBLIC MEETING ON
JULY 27, 2004, REGARDING THE FORMER HEMATITE FUEL
MANUFACTURING FACILITY

I attended a public meeting sponsored by Westinghouse Electric Company (Westinghouse) on Tuesday evening, July 28, 2004, at the First Christian Church, Hematite, Missouri. Approximately 34 persons (14 local residents) attended the meeting, which started at 7:00 p.m. and ended at approximately 8:30 p.m. A copy of the Westinghouse presentation slides is attached. The meeting agenda, with the presenters indicated, is summarized as follows:

1. Decommissioning Plan Submission to the NRC, presented by Hank Sepp, Westinghouse Decommissioning Director.
2. Recent Public Concerns, Water Connection Update, by Kevin Hayes, Westinghouse, Environment, Health & Safety Manager.
3. RI/FS (Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study) Update, by Mike Prattke, Westinghouse contractor (Hard Hat Services, Inc.), Environmental Engineering Manager.
4. Alternatives for Site Operations, by Phill Malich, Westinghouse Site Operations Manager.
5. Future Activities, by Phill Malich, Westinghouse Site Operations Manager.
6. Response to Public Questions, NRC, DNR, DHSS, Jefferson County Health, Westinghouse, moderated by Ramona Huckstedt, Environmental Specialist (Public Affairs), DNR.

The Westinghouse staff did a good job addressing the agenda items. The attendees received the presentations well. Most of the questions from the audience dealt with landscaping of private residence yards, which had been disturbed for installation of a public water supply by Westinghouse. A single participant read a number of general questions regarding decommissioning, environmental, and/or general radiation safety questions. The Westinghouse and other officials satisfactorily answered all questions.

Besides answering general inspection questions, a member of the public inquired about the location for the upcoming NRC public meeting to discuss Westinghouse's decommissioning plan. Specifically, the individual was concerned regarding the location of the public meeting, and their accessibility to the meeting. The individual was advised that the NRC meeting is planned for later this year, and current indications are that the meeting will be held locally. The person was informed that they would be advised if this assumption was incorrect.

I conducted a general walk around of the site, observing site security, and condition of the area of the former wet and dry scrubbers. The site security was adequate, and the changes to the security plan were adequately implemented. Also, the area of the wet and dry scrubber was well policed, and adequately secured.

I also, met with Hank Sepp, and discussed general activities, and inquired if he had any questions regarding past and current inspections. He indicated that he was appreciative of the timely transmittal of the July 23, 2004, inspection report. He stated that Westinghouse will start waste shipments within the very near future. Mr. Sepp indicated that equipment removal and decontamination may start in August, but he was not certain. He was concerned that we may travel to the site in August to conduct an inspection, and that there may not be new work being performed. I asked Mr. Sepp to notify us when the activities start, and that we would conduct our inspection once work was started. I informed Mr. Sepp that I was working with Chris Martin, and that we would have a new master inspection plan within the near future.

Mr. Sepp stated during the meeting that they would plan on hosting another meeting in December 2004.

Attachment: As stated

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