

January 4, 2005

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF TOPICAL REPORT WCAP-15981-NP, "POST ACCIDENT  
MONITORING INSTRUMENTATION REDEFINITION FOR WESTINGHOUSE  
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Sincerely,

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