March 01, 2005

Mr. Hank A. Sepp, Site Manager 3300 State Road P Festus, MO 63028

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY, LLC, HEMATITE PHASE "A" DECOMMISSIONING PLAN, DATED 1/28/2005, FOR DETAILED TECHNICAL REVIEW (TAC NO. L52624)

Dear Mr. Sepp:

We have received your request to amend Materials License SNM-33 which was transmitted by your letters from Ms. Karen Craig, Manager, Regulatory and Licensing, Westinghouse Hematite, dated April 30, 2004, and January 28, 2005. Your request has been assigned TAC No. L52624. Any future correspondence about this request should reference that TAC number.

We have completed our initial expanded acceptance review which is an administrative review of your submitted application and supplemental information for license amendment. We have determined that your Hematite facility Decommissioning Plan (DP) for the Outlying Land Areas (Phase A) of the site, including a report entitled, "Derivation of Site Specific DCGLs for Westinghouse Electric Company Hematite Facility" submission is sufficiently complete for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to initiate a detailed technical review of the Phase A DP. We acknowledge that Phase A is the first of a set of five DPs that are intended to support license termination and unrestricted release of the land at Hematite.

In accordance with the requirements in Subpart L - Informal Hearing Procedures for NRC Adjudications, of 10 CFR Part 2, as amended on January 14, 2004 (69 FR 2182), the NRC will provide an opportunity for informal hearing (10 CFR 1206) to any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding. In addition, the staff will begin preparing for a joint NRC - licensee informational Public Meeting to be held in Festus, MO, in late April 2005, to discuss the Phase A DP with the local community and the State government.

"In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of General Applicability," a copy of this letter will be available electronically in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publically Available Records (PARS) component of the NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <u>http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html</u>."

If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 415-0023.

Sincerely,

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