

December 21, 2005

MEMORANDUM TO: William H. Ruland, Deputy Director
Licensing and Inspection Directorate
Spent Fuel Project Office, NMSS

FROM: Jose R. Cuadrado, Project Engineer
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 7, 2005, MEETING WITH
WESTINGHOUSE NUCLEAR FUEL

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Among the topics discussed, the following are highlighted:

- Westinghouse provided NRC staff an overview of the events leading to a potential finding found during a QA inspection, and discussed their proposed corrective actions. Since the licensee had self-identified the findings, NRC staff notified Westinghouse that the finding had been classified as a Non-Cited Violation.
- Westinghouse provided NRC staff an overview of the proposed amendment request for the PATRIOT package. Westinghouse requested this amendment to incorporate the inner container of the CE-B1 package (CoC No. 9272) as an authorized inner container of the PATRIOT package (CoC No. 9292). The inner containers for both the PATRIOT and the CE-B1 package are made of identical materials and construction, and only have slightly different dimensions. Westinghouse needs approval of this amendment request by January 2006, in order to support a scheduled shipment.
- NRC staff expressed concerns over refurbishment activities performed on the packages, which were the object of the inspection violations. Specifically, the staff had questions regarding cutting and welding of the inner containers during refurbishment, since neither the package drawings or its Safety Analysis Report discuss or describe these activities. The staff determined that it will need to perform additional reviews of the application before an amendment to the CoC is issued. Westinghouse and NRC staff will maintain communication on this subject to support the expedited nature of the request.

The meeting handout and attendance list is attached.

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2. Meeting Handout

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**Meeting between Westinghouse Nuclear Fuel
and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission**

NRC Headquarters

December 7, 2005

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