

UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION III  
801 WARRENVILLE ROAD  
LISLE, ILLINOIS 60532-4351

August 28, 2002

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Mr. Ronald J. Land  
Site Manager  
Westinghouse Electric, LLC  
Hematite Fuel Manufacturing  
3300 State Road P  
Festus, MO 63028

Dear Mr. Land:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) recently received information concerning activities at ABB/CE/Westinghouse located in Hematite, Missouri. We are providing this information for your use in monitoring the Safety Conscious Work Environment at the facility. We are not requesting that you evaluate this information or provide us the results of any evaluation you may perform.

The enclosure to this letter should be controlled and its distribution should be limited to personnel with a "need to know." The enclosure to this letter is considered "NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."

We appreciate your cooperation and will gladly discuss any questions you may have concerning this information. Should you have questions, please contact one of the NRC Region III Allegation Coordinators, Jim Heller or Andrea Kock. They can be reached at (630) 829-9500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brent Clayton".

Brent Clayton  
Enforcement/Investigations Officer

Enclosure: Details  
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If you have any questions please contact one of the Region III Office Allegation Coordinators at the telephone number provided in the letter and reference 02-A-0054. We are not requesting that you evaluate this information or provide us the results of any evaluation you may elect to perform.

Details

1. In 1998, the licensee shut a damper in the erbia lab where individuals were working, such that the individuals were exposed to NaOH [sodium hydroxide] and could not breathe.
2. Rubidium was buried under the warehouse store room. The rubidium was underneath concrete in the back of the warehouse. Individuals who would be aware of this issue are

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