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Mr. Amir Kouhestani
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Subject: Duel's Area Activities

Reference: SNM-33, Docket No. 70-36

Dear Mr. Kouhestani:

The Westinghouse Electric Corporation (WEC) is continuing with licensed-authorized site characterization activities associated with decommissioning of Duel's area. As such, we have prepared this letter to inform you of the Duel's Area subsurface characterization activities.

The goal of clearing Duel's Area above surface material is to enable WEC to conduct subsurface area characterization and identification of possible burial pits beneath this area. The intent is not to remove or disturb any of the underlying soil. Activities include removal of the dirt and possible building debris located in the pile above grade.

The Duel's Area licensed material removed will be transferred to another licensee. WEC has received concurrence from the State of Missouri Department of Natural Resources to change the status of the operation from the remedial investigation to a removal action. In addition, the licensed transferee has committed to notify the State of Tennessee that they will be receiving material from Hematite; however, WEC will confirm that this has been accomplished before shipping the licensed material.

As noted above WEC will not conduct any intrusive subsurface activities as part of this effort, as it is prohibited by license condition. It is WEC's position that the activities described above are within the authorized scope of the current license. WEC will work closely and in a timely fashion with the USNRC to assure that the terms and conditions of the existing license are fully complied with and this activity is conducted without impacting the safety of the public or employees.

If you have any questions concerning the information provided in this letter, please contact me at the above address or call me at (314) 810-3306.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Karen Ann Craig'.

Karen Ann Craig
Manager, Regulatory and Licensing