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SUBJECT: WESTINGHOUSE RESPONSE TO FUEL CYCLE FACILITY PERFORMANCE
INDICATOR PROGRAM

Dear Ms. Galloway:

Your correspondence of February 3, 2006 requested stakeholder input to a program under consideration by the NRC staff related to Performance Indicators (PI). Westinghouse appreciates the opportunity to provide this feedback, and we are committed to working closely with the NRC and our industry partners, through NEI, to explore these and other possible revisions to the overall NRC oversight process.

The Westinghouse Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility (CFFF) responses to your specific questions follow:

1. *What unique aspects of your facility do you believe should be taken into consideration as we propose facility-specific PI's?*

We believe that the diversity of processes at the different facilities makes the development of objective, meaningful PI's for each facility a challenge. Items such as the nature of the Ammonium Diuranate (ADU) wet, chemical process; the different types of equipment and technology used; and the age and size of the facility are unique aspects of the CFFF operations.

2. *What suggestions do you have for potential PI's and/or PI thresholds that might be applied specifically to your facility?*

The CFFF has had a safe operating history for over 37 years. The current metrics used by the CFFF for self assessment are listed in Section 3.6.2 of our existing License Application. Performance is summarized and trended every 6 months. At this time, without understanding what our industry partners are proposing, we do not have any suggestions for equitable thresholds that might be applied specifically to our facility.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (803) 647-3338.

Sincerely,

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