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SUBJECT: WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY: WILLFUL FAILURE OF AN
OPERATOR TO PERFORM COMPOSITE SAMPLING UNDER OBSERVATION
(OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS CASE NO. 2-2005-015)

Dear Mr. Fecteau:

This letter refers to the completed investigation and associated report of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Office of Investigation (OI) regarding the willful failure of a Chemical Process Operator (CPO) to perform composite moisture sampling under observation, as procedurally required. OI determined that there was insufficient evidence to substantiate that a deliberate violation of procedures occurred when the CPO failed to perform the composite moisture sampling under observation. Enclosed for your information is the synopsis of the completed OI report.

No response to this letter is required.

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Should you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact me at 404-562-4731 or Carolyn Evans, Region II, Enforcement Officer at 404-562-4414.

Sincerely,

/RA/
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M. Fecteau

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Enclosure: Investigative Synopsis,
OI Case No.2-2005-015

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI), Region II (RII), on March 30, 2005, to determine whether a former Chemical Process Operator (CPO) at the Westinghouse Columbia Nuclear Fuel Facility willfully failed to perform composite moisture sampling under observation.

Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, OI:RII did not substantiate that the former Chemical Process Operator at the Westinghouse Columbia Fuel Facility, willfully failed to perform composite moisture sampling under observation, as procedurally required.

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Enclosure

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