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Subject: Information for discussion during biweekly telephone conference

Amy,

I would like to discuss the following write-ups with you during our next biweekly telephone conference. I want to be sure that we have a mutual understanding of the Westinghouse approach to preparing the planned license amendment and to resubmit the DP.

Further characterization of burial pits:

During the meeting held at Hematite on 2/16/06 with Amy Snyder (NRC Project Manager) and others, Westinghouse presented a general plan to obtain additional information regarding the location and contents of the burial pits at the Hematite site. This plan would involve a combination of trenching both outside and above the pits to gather information of the location and edges of the burial pits. Borings would also be made at selected locations but limited in depth if buried materials are encountered. Further discussions were held regarding the need to do limited trenching within a pit in order to obtain sufficient quantities of waste material and subsurface soils in order to do treatability studies of the waste material and surrounding soils. The current DP schedule includes a task to perform this work after approval of the DP because Westinghouse previously understood that approval of the DP was required before any of this work could be conducted. However, based upon the 2/16 discussions, Westinghouse understands that the trenching outside and above the burial pits, the borings, and the limited removal of waste material and associated subsurface soils within a pit can be conducted prior to the approval of the DP. Therefore, Westinghouse will submit a license amendment document to NRC that describes the plan to perform additional characterization of the burial pit areas that will include trenching, borings and limited removal and characterization of waste materials. The document will provide information regarding the controls that will be utilized to assure that this effort is conducted in a manner protective of the worker, the public and the environment. Upon completion of this additional characterization effort, Westinghouse will submit the information obtained to the NRC but does not plan to revise the DP to incorporate the information.

The additional characterization effort covered by this license amendment would be conducted separately from the approval of the DP. Prior to resubmittal the DP will be revised to discuss a summary of the plans discussed above for obtaining additional characterization information. Resubmittal of the DP for acceptance review will not be contingent on having the additional characterization data included.

Comments on Final Status Survey:

During the meeting on 2/16/06, and by letter transmittal, Westinghouse presented copies of reports and information related to instrumentation capabilities, surrogate ratios, and contribution-to-dose. These all relate to NRC comments on the adequacy of information necessary to support the Soil

Survey Plan. Westinghouse noted that complete information on the selection of instrumentation to conduct the Survey Plan is still being developed. Amy Snyder noted that she would discuss the available information with staff to determine what additional information is adequate to proceed with resubmittal of the DP and Soil Survey Plan.

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