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Subject: Request for Extension to Respond to RAI regarding the LAR for Buried Waste Characterization Plan

Reference: SNM-33 (Docket 70-0036)
Letter from USNRC (Amy M. Snyder) to Westinghouse Hematite (E. Kurt Hackmann), dated August 24, 2006 "REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE INITIATION OF A DETAILED TECHNICAL REVIEW OF WESTINGHOUSE'S JUNE 8, 2006, LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST (TAC NO. L52641)"

Dear Mr. Glenn:

Westinghouse received the Request for Additional Information (RAI) related to the License Amendment Request (LAR) for Buried Waste Characterization Plan, on August 24, 2006 (Referenced above). After review of the requested information and further discussions with the NRC staff, Westinghouse is evaluating the proposed work described in the LAR and the regulatory strategy to most effectively proceed with the Hematite Decommissioning Project.

Therefore, Westinghouse requests an **extension of 60 days** to respond to the referenced RAI. Within this time period Westinghouse will either provide responses to the RAI or provide the revised regulatory strategy and time frame to address the requested information.

Should you have any questions concerning this issue, feel free to contact me or Tracy Chance at 314-810-3329.

Sincerely,

 ^{For}
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