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License Nos. SNM-37 (Terminated)
SUC-509 (Terminated)

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**SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF DECOMMISSIONING ACTIVITIES AT THE
WESTINGHOUSE SPECIALTY METALS PLANT, BLAIRSVILLE, PA**

Dear Mr. Holmes:

On February 15, 2006, Westinghouse Electric Company (Westinghouse) transmitted a letter and accompanying documents and calculations to the NRC indicating that Westinghouse has completed decommissioning and final status survey (FSS) activities at the Westinghouse Specialty Metals Plant in Blairsville, PA, and the site now meets the NRC criteria for release for unrestricted use. Westinghouse requested that the NRC concur in this position and additionally requested that the NRC remove the Westinghouse Blairsville, PA site from the NRC listing of complex decommissioning sites. The Westinghouse Blairsville, PA site was previously licensed by the AEC under License Nos. SNM-37 and SUC-509, which were terminated in 1964 and 1961, respectively. In the early 1990s, the NRC and their contractor, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, conducted reviews of terminated licenses to determine if these licenses had been appropriately terminated and the licensed sites met the NRC criteria for release for unrestricted use. Based on these reviews, the site was identified as not having sufficient documentation to verify that it had been properly decontaminated prior to license termination.

The NRC staff has completed the review of the FSS reports and calculations and concludes that: (1) radioactive material has been properly disposed; (2) reasonable effort has been made to eliminate residual radioactive contamination; (3) submitted FSS Reports, associated documentation, and calculations demonstrate that the facility and site are suitable for release in accordance with the criteria discussed in the Safety Evaluation Report; and (4) suitable records of the decommissioning activities have been received. Therefore, the staff concludes that Westinghouse has completed all decommissioning activities at the Blairsville, PA site. NRC staff will update the NRC listing of complex decommissioning sites to reflect completion of decommissioning activities at the Westinghouse Blairsville, PA site.

The staff's review of the FSS reports, accompanying documents, and dose calculations is documented in the enclosed Safety Evaluation Report.

In accordance with 10 CFR Part 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of General Applicability," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

B. G. Holmes
Westinghouse Electric Company

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If you have any questions please contact Mark Roberts of my staff at (610) 337-5094.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/RA James Kottan Acting for/

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Decommissioning Branch
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Enclosure:
Safety Evaluation Report

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