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MEETING SUMMARY

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On October 17, 2006, a public meeting was held between the management of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC) to discuss decommissioning of the Hematite Facility in Festus, Missouri. Enclosure 1 is a listing of those who participated in the meeting either in person or via telephone. Enclosure 2 is the agenda for the meeting.

Following introductions, Larry Camper, NRC, described the recent reorganization of the NRC involving the decommissioning team for the Hematite project. Enclosure 3 is a chart of the new organization (Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs) in which the Hematite decommissioning team resides.

Enclosure 4 is the first of two WEC handouts. Kurt Hackmann discussed the first handout. He provided some background information on the site. He identified changes in the WEC Hematite project team and decommissioning actions taken to date. Equipment and polychlorinated biphenyls have been removed from the site. WEC will not begin demolition and dismantling of the buildings until the Decommissioning Plan (DP) has been approved by the NRC. WEC intends to begin characterization of the burial pit sites during November 2006. WEC would like to receive from the NRC a response to their October 9, 2006, letter regarding the restrictions added to the Hematite license with Amendment 52 prior to the initiation of the burial pit characterization. A summary report of the characterization results will be provided in May 2007. WEC is also looking for a letter from the NRC which addresses the categorization of the Physical Security Plan. WEC is planning on modifying the Physical Security Plan and the Fundamental Nuclear Material Control Plan.

WEC plans to withdraw their June 2006 license amendment request (LAR). In January 2007, WEC intends to submit a bundled LAR which contain all of the necessary information for addressing proposed changes to Chapters 1-6 of the Hematite license. In its January submittal, WEC also plans to address generic issues and concerns raised in NRC's August 2006 Request for Additional Information relating to WEC's current decommissioning plans. WEC is also requesting that the NRC address the financial assurance issue.

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