

To: Stacey Rosenberg
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Dear Ms. Rosenberg,

During a recent topical report status conference call between Tom Laubham (PWROG) and Sean Peters (NRC Project Manager) we were informed that topical report WCAP-15981, " Post Accident Monitoring Instrumentation Redefinition for Westinghouse NSSS Plants" will be receiving a fourth set of RAI's from the NRC Staff and that the Safety Evaluation (SE) for this topical report will be delayed for the fourth time.

This topical report is moving into its third year of NRC review and we have already received three sets of RAI's (from PRA, I&C and Tech Spec Branches). The PWROG responded to all three sets of RAI's over 7 months ago (Ref. Letter WOG-06-104, March 20, 2006) and expected a draft SE in June of 2006.

In May of 2006 the PWROG had a conference call with reviewer, Bob Palla of the PRA Branch, to discuss our responses to some of the RAI's. As a result of this call, the PWROG updated a section in the topical report to address Bob's concerns and forwarded this information in a letter to the NRC (Ref. Letter OG-06-259, August 8, 2006). With that we felt we were on target for a draft SE by the end of September.

In the most recent status phone call, we were informed that more RAI's are forthcoming in February 2007 from the I&C Branch. Responding to multiple rounds of RAI's is not consistent with the processes that we have mutually agreed to for review of topical reports and is not the best use of either of our resources. I am sending this note to seek your assistance in moving forward on the NRC review of this topical report and issuing a SE as soon as possible. The implementation of this topical report will enhance plant safety and as such we feel the Staff should assign a high priority to the review and approval of this report.

We appreciate the professional interface that we have with Sean Peters and note that he has been helpful in following up with issues like this. However, we feel that this is one of those issues that requires senior management attention.

I look forward to hearing from you. We request a conference call with you and Sean to discuss the NRC plan for moving forward on this review. I will be out of the country for the next week. In the mean time, you can contact Tom Laubham (412.374.6788) to schedule a time.

Regards,

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