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Subject: Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC) Hematite Decommissioning Project
Process Building Work Activities

Dear Ms. Lipa,

This letter reiterates the immediate actions taken by the Hematite Decommissioning Project (HDP) as previously discussed with you and other United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff.

As a result of recent radiological surveys within the HDP Process Building and based on preliminary, conservative estimates of uranium-235 (U^{235}) mass remaining within this structure, the HDP has taken the following immediate actions:

1. A Stop Work Order has been issued for all activities associated with the Process Building on November 20, 2008. Entry to the Process Building and access to the roof are restricted.
2. The HDP has initiated the development of an approach that includes the appropriate safety precautions to regain access to the Process Building, and describes the types of measurements that are needed to complete the assessment of U^{235} mass remaining within this structure. This approach, including the safety precautions will be discussed and authorization obtained from the NRC prior to termination of the Stop Work Order. The approach, including major milestones, will be submitted for NRC approval no later than December 19, 2008.
3. The HDP will not proceed with Process Building piping and equipment removal or demolition activities until authorization is obtained from the NRC.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Gerard Couture of my staff at 803-247-2045, should you have questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Kurt Hackmann".

E. Kurt Hackmann
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