

January 15, 2010

Mr. Gerard F. Couture, Manager  
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SUBJECT: APPROVAL EXPANSION OF THE CONTROLLED ACCESS AREA AT THE  
WESTINGHOUSE COLUMBIA FUEL FABRICATION FACILITY  
(TAC NO. L32887)

Dear Mr. Couture:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff reviewed your application (LTR-RAC-09-53) dated September 21, 2009, to expand the Controlled Access Area (CAA) of the Columbia, South Carolina, site.

In our acceptance of the application for review, NRC stated that Westinghouse should provide a supplement to the environmental report describing the environmental impacts of the proposed action or reasons for considering the proposed action as categorically excluded from an environmental review. In a letter from Westinghouse to NRC (LTR-RAC-11-1) dated January 11, 2010, Westinghouse stated the reasons for considering the proposed action as a categorical exclusion under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), §51.22(c)(11).

Based upon review of the application dated September 21, 2009, a site visit by the staff on December 16, 2009, and your letter dated January 11, 2010, the staff concluded that the subject revision to the Physical Security Plan meets the requirements for the protection of special nuclear material and the proposed expansion of the CAA has no significant impact on the environment.

Your request to expand the CAA is approved.

TAC NO. L32887 is now **closed**.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (301) 492-3189, or via e-mail at [Christopher.Ryder@nrc.gov](mailto:Christopher.Ryder@nrc.gov).

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Sincerely,

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