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RE: Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment with a Finding of No Significant Impact Associated with the Hematite Burial Pits 20.2022 Request (Docket No. 70-00036)

Dear Mr. Hayes:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is providing you with this response to the solicitation of comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment with a Finding of No Significant Impact Associated with the Hematite Burial Pits 20.2022 Request (Docket No. 70-00036). This Environmental Assessment (EA) pertained to the request by Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (WEC) to transfer decommissioning waste to U.S. Ecology Idaho, Inc., a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Subtitle C disposal facility located near Grand View, Idaho. The cover letter to the EA stated the NRC is completing the technical review and appears to be moving towards granting WEC's request.

The Department has no comments on this draft EA but may have suggestions on future requests regarding the Hematite project. The Department appreciates the U.S. NRC's ongoing solicitation of input on these issues If you have questions regarding this response, please contact me by phone at (314) 877-3250, by e-mail to eric.gilstrap@dnr.mo.gov, or by mail to 917 N. Hwy 67, Suite 104, Florissant, MO 63031.

Sincerely,

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