

August 28, 2013

Mr. Li Jigen
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Dear Mr. Li:

Thank you for hosting our U.S. Nuclear Regulatory (NRC) delegation during the visit to Beijing and Sanmen in May 2013. This visit was a continuing step of our close bilateral cooperation on the Westinghouse Electric Company Advance Passive 1000's (AP1000) that are under construction in the United States and the People's Republic of China. The NRC is committed to close cooperation with the National Nuclear Safety Administration (NNSA) bilaterally and also as part of the Multinational Design Evaluation Program's AP1000 Working Group.

I am responding to a set of NNSA questions regarding Westinghouse Electric Company vendor issues and the AP1000 design. These questions and issues were derived from presentation material and staff dialogue during the NRC delegation's visit to China on May 9, 2013.

Enclosed with this letter are the NRC staff's responses to these questions. Some of the questions require additional NNSA and NRC interaction and have been added to the agenda for our next AP1000 Working Group meeting. Please note that NRC's responses are based on current AP1000 certified design information as well as the combined licenses that were issued for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4 and Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Generating Station Units 2 and 3.

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Thank you for sharing this latest round of questions. I trust that the above information is beneficial to you. We look forward to continued bilateral and multilateral cooperation on these important issues. If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-8076 or via e-mail at lawrence.burkhart@nrc.gov.

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