

October 3, 2013

Mr. Ron Wessel, Principal Engineer
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SUBJECT: WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY – POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF
PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION VENDOR
INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Wessel:

On September 4, 2013, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued an announcement letter (Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) ML13246A479) stating the staff's plan to perform an inspection of Westinghouse Electric Company to review implementation of your quality assurance program in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50, Appendix B and 10 CFR Part 21. This letter contained a preliminary schedule for the inspection. The inspectors planned to arrive at your facility, on Monday, October 28, 2013, and conduct the inspection through Friday, November 1, 2013.

On October 1, 2013, the Federal Government (except for excepted functions) shutdown and many civilian Federal Employees were furloughed. The NRC plans to continue normal operations until approximately October 7, 2013 and has initiated the efforts for reduced levels of operations. When the NRC appropriations no longer support normal operations, the NRC plans to operate at a reduced level for some period of time and begin a minimal maintenance and monitoring mode in which the NRC will continue to carry out its responsibility to protect the health and safety of the public. During the lapse of agency appropriations, NRC vendor inspections will be impacted. This could result in postponement or cancellation of the planned inspection activities described in the announcement letter. If funding is not restored prior to the date of your inspection the inspection will be cancelled. Once the agency returns to normal operations, the NRC staff will inform you if there will be any changes to the inspection schedule.

The NRC has issued Regulatory Issue Summary 2013-16 (ADAMS Accession No. ML110550923) to provide additional information during the lapse of agency appropriations. If you have additional questions regarding the NRC actions discussed above, please contact Mr. Richard Rasmussen at 301-415-1340.

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Sincerely,

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