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**SUBJECT: WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY, PROGRAM ADJUSTMENT REVIEW
(NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION INSPECTION REPORT 70-
1151/2016-001)**

Dear Mr. Precht:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Region II and Headquarters staff completed a program adjustment review of the Westinghouse Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility (WCFFF) performance in conducting NRC licensed activities. In accordance with Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 2604, "Licensee Performance Review," the program adjustment review provides an opportunity for adjustments to the inspection program to reflect emergent performance issues that may reveal themselves during the normal 24-month performance assessment period.

The review covered the period January 1 through December 31, 2015. The performance of WCFFF was evaluated in the following areas: Safety Operations, Radiological Controls, Facility Support, and Other Areas. This letter provides the results of our review and constitutes the basis for establishing the NRC oversight program for your facility. The details regarding the Safeguards portion of the review are documented in a separate letter marked "Official Use Only" due to the sensitive nature of that information.

Overall, the staff determined that WCFFF has continued to conduct activities safely and securely, while protecting public health and the environment. Based on our review of activities covering the period January 1 through December 31, 2015, no program adjustment is needed for the following areas: Safety Operations, Radiological Controls, Facility Support, and Other Areas. Therefore, the NRC plans to conduct the core inspection program for a Category III Fuel Facility as described in NRC IMC 2600, "Fuel Cycle Facility Operational Safety and Safeguards Inspection Program," for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2016.

Unresolved items (URIs) were opened during the conduct of Temporary Instruction (TI) 2600/015, "Evaluation of Licensee Strategies for the Prevention and/or Mitigation of Emergencies at Fuel Facilities" (ADAMS Accession No. ML12286A284.) The NRC issued Generic Letter (GL) 2015-01: "Treatment of Natural Phenomena Hazards in Fuel Cycle Facilities" (ADAMS Accession No. ML14328A029) to request that licensees submit information to demonstrate compliance with regulatory requirements regarding the treatment of natural phenomena events in the facilities' integrated safety assessments. WCFFF submitted this

information on August 26, 2015, and NRC HQ is evaluating the response. Additional NRC inspections, beyond the core inspection hours, may be warranted to support the review of licensees' activities in response to NRC GL 2015-01. The inspections will be conducted in accordance with TI 2600/016, "Inspection of Activities Associated with NRC Generic Letter 2015-01" (ADAMS Accession No. ML15317A506.) The inspection results from the implementation of this TI will be used to follow up with previously identified URIs regarding the treatment of natural phenomena hazard events, and to inform the closure process of NRC GL 2015-01.

In accordance with 10 CFR Part 2.390 of NRC's "Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room, or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which is accessible from the NRC Website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Please refer questions and comments regarding your program adjustment review to Mr. Eric Michel, Chief, Projects Branch 2, by telephone at 404-997-4555.

Sincerely,

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Letter to Mr. David Precht from Eric C. Michel dated March 7, 2016

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