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Subject: Request for Suspension of Review of WCAP-15942-P-A/ WCAP-15942-NP-A,  
Supplement 1, Revision 1, "Material Changes for SVEA-96 Optima 2 Fuel Assemblies"

Reference: 1. Letter from J.A. Gresham (Westinghouse) to USNRC Document Control Desk,  
"Response to the NRC's Request for Additional Information on WCAP-15942-P-A,  
Supplement 1, 'Material Changes for SVEA-96 Optima 2 Fuel Assemblies' (TAC No.  
ME4700) and Submittal of WCAP-15942-P-A, Supplement 1, Revision 1, 'Material  
Changes for SVEA-96 Optima 2 Fuel Assemblies' (Proprietary/Non-Proprietary),"  
LTR-NRC-12-60, August 29, 2012.

Revision 1 of Supplement 1 to WCAP-15942-P-A/WCAP-15942-NP-A was submitted for review and approval in Reference 1. The submittal incorporated the staff's overall comments on Supplement 1, Revision 0, and addressed the concerns that had been brought up during the teleconference between the NRC and Westinghouse on November 10, 2011.

After another teleconference between the NRC and Westinghouse on February 11, 2016, Westinghouse recognized that the information presented in Supplement 1, Revision 1 of the topical report would be significantly bolstered by the inclusion of channel bow data at >50,000 total inch-days from ongoing irradiation tests. Westinghouse believes this additional effort will support our mutual goal of broadening the applicability of the associated Safety Evaluation Report. Recognizing the significant time invested by the NRC on this topical report, Westinghouse requests the NRC suspend its review of this document for the next 24 months. By that time, Westinghouse expects to submit additional irradiation test data, after which the NRC would be requested to resume its evaluation. After discussing this issue with the staff, Westinghouse believes suspending the review is the best means to preserve the staff's effort that has been completed to date. It is our understanding that upon submission of the additional data mentioned herein, the review would focus on that data and its relation to any proposed conditions or limitations.

Correspondence with respect to this withdrawal should be addressed to James A. Gresham, Manager, Regulatory Compliance, Westinghouse Electric Company, 1000 Westinghouse Drive, Building 3 Suite 310, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania 16066.

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