

August 3, 2016

Mr. James A. Gresham, Manager
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SUBJECT: VERIFICATION LETTER OF THE APPROVAL VERSION OF WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY TOPICAL REPORT WCAP-16500-P-A/WCAP-16500-NP-A, SUPPLEMENT 2, "EVOLUTIONARY DESIGN CHANGES TO CE 16X16 NEXT GENERATION FUEL AND METHOD FOR ADDRESSING THE EFFECTS OF END-OF-LIFE PROPERTIES ON SEISMIC AND LOSS-OF-COOLANT-ACCIDENT ANALYSES"

Dear Mr. Gresham:

By letter dated June 27, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16183A085), Westinghouse Electric Company (Westinghouse) submitted an approval ("-A") version of topical report (TR) WCAP-16500-P/WCAP-16500-NP, Supplement 2, "Evolutionary Design Changes to CE 16X16 Next Generation Fuel and Method for Addressing the Effects of End-of-Life Properties on Seismic and Loss of Coolant Accident Analyses," to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff. Westinghouse has done so in accordance with our request to publish approval proprietary and non-proprietary versions of this TR, as detailed in the transmittal letter of the NRC staff's final safety evaluation (ADAMS Accession No. ML16154A027) for the original TR.

The NRC staff has completed its review of the approval version of the TR. The NRC staff verified that Westinghouse has met the requirements and determined that the submitted -A versions are acceptable for referencing in licensing applications for nuclear power plants to the extent specified, and under the limitations delineated in the accepted versions of the TR. TR WCAP-16500-P-A/WCAP-16500-NP-A, Supplement 2, "Evolutionary Design Changes to CE 16X16 Next Generation Fuel and Method for Addressing the Effects of End-of-Life Properties on Seismic and Loss of Coolant Accident Analyses," is now approved for use in future licensing actions.

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Please contact Ekaterina Lenning of my staff at (301) 415-3151 if you have any questions on this subject.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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