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REGION II
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October 5, 2016

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Mr. Bruce Phillips
Vice President, Columbia Fuel Operations and
Manager, Columbia Plant
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Hopkins, SC 29061

**SUBJECT: NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETING FOR
THE WESTINGHOUSE S-1030 SCRUBBER EVENT HELD SEPTEMBER 29,
2016**

Dear Mr. Phillips:

This letter refers to the public outreach meeting conducted at the South Carolina State Museum, 301 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC on September 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Enclosed are a list of attendees and the unique identification numbers for viewing presentation slides that are electronically available to the public.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) began the public meeting with an introduction by Catherine Haney, NRC Region II Administrator. The NRC Region II Division Director for Fuel Facility Inspection, Mark Lesser, discussed the reasons the NRC decided to perform an Augmented Inspection in response to the uranium buildup in the S-1030 process off-gas scrubber. This condition was discovered by Westinghouse and subsequently reported to the NRC in July 2016. The NRC Region II inspection Branch Chief, Omar Lopez, conducted a detailed presentation describing the event, the significance of the event, the NRC's inspection evaluations and findings, and the immediate response and corrective actions that were implemented following the event. The Branch Chief described the NRC's response that included issuing a Confirmatory Action Letter that required the shutdown of the affected S-1030 scrubber and all uranium processing in the conversion area of the facility. The Branch Chief explained that Westinghouse would only be allowed to restart production operations in the conversion area upon Westinghouse's completion of specified immediate corrective actions, commitment to certain longer term corrective actions, and satisfactory results from NRC on-site inspections. The NRC will continue to conduct these on-site inspections until Westinghouse demonstrates compliance with all provisions of the Confirmatory Action Letter. The results of the Augmented Inspection will be documented in the NRC Inspection Report 70-1151/2016-007. The inspection report is expected to be released for public access by the end of October 2016.

Mike Annacone, Vice President, Columbia Plant Recovery, Westinghouse Electric Company, conducted a presentation describing the extent and magnitude of corrective actions that will be implemented to prevent a recurrence of this event.

Following the presentations, the public meeting was opened for general questions and answers.

The meeting accomplished the goal of communicating information related to NRC activities as it pertained to the results of the Augmented Inspection, additional inspections to confirm compliance with the NRC Confirmatory Action Letter, and the expected NRC-authorized resumption of all licensed activities at Westinghouse. This meeting was conducted in a public setting that offered the public an opportunity to ask questions directly to subject matter experts.

In accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter and enclosures will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Should you have any questions concerning this meeting, please contact me at 404-997-4555.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Eric C. Michel, Chief
Projects Branch 2
Division of Fuel Facility Inspection

Enclosures:

1. List of Meeting Attendees
2. List of Documents in ADAMS

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DATE: September 27, 2016

MEETING TITLE: Nuclear Regulatory Commission Public Outreach Meeting for the
Westinghouse S-1030 Scrubber Event

LOCATION: South Carolina State Museum, 301 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC

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LIST OF PUBLICALLY AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

1. NRC Confirmatory Action Letter – Westinghouse Electric Company, Columbia Fabrication Facility – ML16224B082
2. Westinghouse Public Meeting Presentation Slides - ML16277A065
3. NRC Public Meeting Presentation Slides - ML16277A063