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Subject: AMENDED RESPONSE TO HEMATITE DECOMMISSIONING PROJECT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received your letter dated August 31, 2016, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16252A270), in regards to Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC's (Westinghouse) Hematite Decommissioning Project. Your August 31, 2016, letter requested the withdrawal of the comments and objections that you made in your March 5, 2015, letter (ADAMS Accession No. ML15069A039) regarding Westinghouse's "Request for Review of Approach for Unrestricted Release of Soil in the Vicinity of the Former Evaporation Ponds that Structurally Support an 8-Inch Diameter High Pressure Natural Gas Pipeline at the Hematite Decommissioning Project." Specifically, your March 5, 2015, letter expressed concerns that Westinghouse's proposal to leave in place contaminated soil beneath your natural gas pipeline at the Hematite, Missouri plant may expose your workers to radiological and chemical hazards. As indicated in your August 31st letter, the concerns identified in your March 5, 2015, letter have been resolved.

By separate letter, we will inform Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) of your correspondence on this issue. Per your request, the NRC will consider the comments and objections set forth in your March 5, 2015, letter as being withdrawn and will otherwise consider the issue identified in your March 5, 2015, letter as being resolved. The NRC will take no further action on this matter, unless the MDNR informs the NRC that it still wishes to pursue this issue.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. James Smith of my staff at (301) 415-6103, or via e-mail to James.Smith@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received your amended response to the Hematite Decommissioning Project, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16252A270), dated August 31, 2016, which requests the withdrawal of Laclede's letter previous letter (ADAMS Accession No. ML15069A039), dated March 5, 2015, which objected to Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC's "Request for Review of Approach for Unrestricted Release of Soil in the Vicinity of the Former Evaporation Ponds that Structurally Support an 8-Inch Diameter High Pressure Natural Gas Pipeline at the Hematite Decommissioning Project" in which Westinghouse proposed to leave in place contaminated soil beneath Laclede's natural gas pipeline at the Hematite, Missouri plant.

By separate letter, we will inform Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) of your correspondence on this issue. Per your request, the NRC will withdraw your comments from concern and consider the issue resolved, and not take further action with respect to the March 5, 2015, letter, unless the MDNR informs the NRC that it still wishes to pursue this issue.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, or the enclosed RAIs document, please contact Mr. James Smith of my staff at (301) 415-6103, or via e-mail to James.Smith@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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