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Mr. John C. Hoyle  
Secretary of the Commission  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001



Attention: Chief, Docketing and Service Branch

Subject: NRC Strategic Assessment and Rebaselining (61 Federal Register 195; October 7, 1996), Request for Comments

Dear Mr. Hoyle:

Westinghouse has reviewed the Direction Setting Issue (DSI) papers which form a part of the NRC Strategic Assessment and Rebaselining Initiative. We support and endorse the comments being provided by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on behalf of the nuclear power industry. In addition, we have provided additional comments, included as an attachment herein, to certain DSI papers of specific significance to Westinghouse.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these important issues. Additionally, Westinghouse is always willing to meet with the NRC to further discuss any facet of our comments. Should you wish to discuss our comments in greater detail, please contact Mr. H. A. Sepp, Manager, Regulatory and Licensing Initiatives at (412) 374-5282 at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment

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**Westinghouse Comments**  
**on**  
**Direction Setting Issue Papers**  
**from**  
**NRC Strategic Assessment and Rebaselining Initiative**

**DSI 5:        LOW LEVEL WASTE**

**Westinghouse Comments:**

Westinghouse would endorse a combination of Option 1: "Assume a Greater Leadership Role; and Option 2: "Assume a Stronger Regulatory Role in the National LLW Program" as the preferred direction for NRC on Low Level Waste programs. At the present, there is a lack of direction with the existing programs. A stronger centralized focus would improve this situation.