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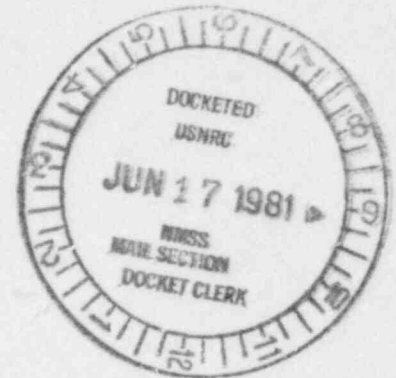
June 10, 1981

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Mr. R. G. Page, Chief
Uranium Fuel Licensing Branch

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SUBJECT: Withdrawal of License Application for
Alabama Nuclear Fuel Fabrication Plant -
Docket No. 70-2909



This letter is to formally notify the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that the Westinghouse Electric Corporation has indefinitely deferred its plan to construct a uranium fuel fabrication plant near Prattville, Alabama. This plant was to manufacture fuel assemblies for commercial nuclear power plants. Accordingly, pursuant to 10CFR 2.107, Westinghouse hereby request withdrawal of its application for a special nuclear materials license relating to the proposed facility. This license application was filed with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on December 31, 1979 and was subsequently issued Docket Number 70-2909.

Attached for your information, is a copy of the public announcement issued by Westinghouse which relates to this deferral.

Very truly yours,

Andy Sabo

A. T. Sabo, Director
NES Licensing, Safeguards & Safety

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WESTINGHOUSE DEFERS NUCLEAR FUEL PLANT NEAR MONTGOMERY, ALA.

PITTSBURGH, June 11 -- Westinghouse Electric Corporation today indefinitely deferred plans to construct a plant near Montgomery, Ala., to manufacture fuel assemblies for commercial nuclear power plants.

Ted Stern, Executive Vice President of the Westinghouse Nuclear Energy Systems Group, said the corporation today notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that it is requesting withdrawal of its application for a license related to the proposed plant near Prattville in Autauga County.

"The comparatively slow growth in the demand for nuclear fuel makes it unnecessary for us to move ahead with the new plant at this time," Mr. Stern said. "Largely as a result of regulatory delays in licensing new nuclear power plant, the fuel market is not expanding as rapidly as we had originally expected."

Installation of new equipment and improvements in productivity at the Westinghouse Nuclear Fuel Fabrication Plant in Columbia, S.C., will provide the additional manufacturing capacity required during the next several years, Mr. Stern said.

Mr. Stern praised leaders of the Montgomery and Prattville areas for their support of the Westinghouse project. "We were extremely pleased with the reception and support that we received in the community. We considered the area and the site to be excellent for our proposed plant."

Westinghouse announced plans in April of 1979 to build the nuclear fuel fabrication plant on an 800-acre site at the confluence of the Alabama River and Autauga Creek about 12 miles northwest of Montgomery. Mr. Stern said Westinghouse has decided not to renew its option on the site.