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APPLICANT: Westinghouse Electric Company  
Columbia, South Carolina

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF AMENDMENT APPLICATION DATED JULY 2, 1981 AS SUPPLEMENTED  
JULY 27, 1981, TO MODIFY LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF BOROSILICATE-  
GLASS RASCHIG RINGS, 07001151A06S

### I. Background

The licensee currently is committed to Regulatory Guide 3.1, "Use of Borosilicate-Glass Raschig Rings as a Neutron Absorber in Solutions of Fissile Material." Per the amendment application, the licensee would follow Regulatory Guide 3.1 when Raschig Rings are used as a primary control for nuclear criticality safety. Different controls for Raschig rings as a secondary control for nuclear criticality safety are proposed in the amendment application.

### II. Discussion

The use of Raschig rings as a secondary control is intended to provide additional assurance of safety in uncontrolled geometry vessels wherein nuclear criticality safety is assured by a primary control, e.g., concentration control. The licensee has proposed to change limits on the chemical environment from a pH of "9-10" to "<11" and to change the maximum fluoride concentration from "1400 ppm" to "4%." The Raschig rings will be inspected annually for settling, physical properties, and boron content. The temperature will not exceed 60°C which compares favorably with 120°C in the ANSI standard, endorsed by Regulatory Guide 3.1.

The Region II Project Inspector has no objection to this amendment.

### III. Conclusion and Recommendation

The proposed amendment should have no adverse effect on the public health and safety or on the environment. Approval of the application is recommended.

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