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Dear Mr. Tritch:

SUBJECT: AP600 ITEMS FOR NRC STAFF REVIEW

In your September 10, 1991, letter, you requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff perform no further formal staff review of written AP600 material as part of the staff's AP600 pre-application efforts. Responding to your letter, the staff has been directed to limit its AP600-related activities to those necessary to prepare for and participate in meetings, briefings, and project management activities that pertain specifically to the AP600.

In March of 1991, Westinghouse requested that the staff return copies of the revised AP600 Plant Description Report. These two requests (March and September 1991) have essentially halted the NRC's AP600 pre-application efforts.

As you know, the staff was conducting the AP600 pre-application review to gain an understanding of the AP600 design and avoid unnecessary delays reviewing and processing Westinghouse's expected application for design certification in June 1992. It is important that you recognize that your request of September 10, 1991, and the decision to withdraw the revised AP600 Plant Description Report may adversely impact the AP600 review schedule as shown in SECY-91-161, "Schedules for the Advanced Reactor Reviews and Regulatory Guidance Revisions." The NRC staff will make every effort to minimize any resulting delays.

Sincerely,

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