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Mr. Nicholas J. Liparulo  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR  
WESTINGHOUSE AP600 DESIGN LETTER OF AUGUST 17, 1995

Dear Mr. Liparulo:

By Westinghouse letter NTD-NRC-95-4531, dated August 17, 1995, you submitted material presented during a meeting on AP600 reactor vessel insulation design to permit external reactor vessel cooling during a severe accident. The material is provided via enclosure in both a proprietary and nonproprietary form.

In the letter, you identified information in the handout material presented during the meeting which revealed a novel reactor vessel insulation design and stated that the information was considered proprietary and requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. The attached affidavit dated August 16, 1995, (AW-95-873), executed by Brian A. McIntyre, stated that this information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure since it contains patentable ideas, for which patent protection may be desirable.

We have reviewed your submittal and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of Westinghouse's statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains trade secrets or proprietary commercial information.

Therefore, we have determined that the proprietary material enclosed in NTD-NRC-95-4531, which is marked as proprietary, will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public disclosure should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). You should also understand that NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future if, for example, the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request included your information.

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In all review situations, if the NRC needs additional information from you or makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

Sincerely,

original signed by:

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