

October 5, 1995

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Dear Mr. Bruschi:

SUBJECT: REVISED SCHEDULE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE AP600 DESIGN

As discussed in the August 28, 1995 letter to you, the staff is developing a revised schedule for the review of the AP600 design certification application. As a result, the staff and Westinghouse have begun discussing the best method to establish revised review schedules for the Supplemental Draft Safety Evaluation Report (SER) on Codes and the Final SER on the overall review for the AP600. During those discussions, Westinghouse indicated that its budgeted funding which was based on earlier discussions with the staff, for the AP600 licensing review for FY96 may be exceeded based upon current expense predictions.

We understand that the AP600 funding issue may not be resolved until well into the first quarter of fiscal year 1996. NRC is concerned that a Westinghouse decision regarding what items Westinghouse wishes NRC to continue to review and what items Westinghouse would like delayed, needs to be made immediately. This is because NRC is currently working to the expedited schedule, with dedicated resources devoted to complete its review. A review that continues at the current rate could result in exceeding your budget for licensing fees.

In acknowledgement of your funding limitations and the desire to perform an efficient and effective review a meeting is scheduled with Westinghouse to discuss the allocation of review resources on October 12, 1995 at 1:00 pm.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
WILLIAM T. RUSSELL

William T. Russell, Director
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