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Westinghouse Electric Corporation  
Commercial Nuclear Fuel Division  
ATTN: Mr. J. A. Fici, Columbia Plant Mgr.  
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Columbia, SC 29250

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 70-1151/96-202

Dear Mr. Fici:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. G. A. Smith of this office, Mr. D. Kasnicki of Region II, and Dr. D. A. Outlaw, a NRC contractor, on March 25-29, 1996. The inspection included a review of nuclear criticality safety activities performed at your Columbia, South Carolina facility.

The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations of activities in progress. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and members of your staff.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appear to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). Additionally, the inspectors opened one inspector follow-up item concerning Regulatory Affairs Procedure RA-300 and closed an unresolved item from a past inspection.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken for the violation and any proposed actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Additionally, you should evaluate the need to review and/or update procedure RA-300 to ensure that the change control system maintains the criticality safety evaluations up-to-date to reflect the current plant conditions and configuration.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by)

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Operations Branch  
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety  
and Safeguards, NMSS

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