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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR
WESTINGHOUSE AP600 DESIGN LETTER OF JANUARY 31, 1996

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

By Westinghouse letter (NTD-NRC-96-4635) dated January 31, 1996, you submitted Westinghouse letter report, "AP600 Containment DBA Evaluation Model (Water Coverage Model)." The material was provided via enclosure in both a proprietary and non-proprietary form.

In the letter, you stated that the report contains proprietary information consisting of trade secrets, commercial information, or financial information which was privileged or confidential. You requested that it be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790. The attached affidavit executed by James M. Brennan on January 31, 1996, (AW-96-920), states that this information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- a. The information reveals the distinguishing aspects of a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.) where prevention of its use by any of Westinghouse's competitors without license from Westinghouse constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
- c. Its use by a competitor would reduce his expenditure of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, of licensing a similar product.

We have reviewed your submittal and the material in accordance with 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 information.

Therefore, we have determined that the proprietary material enclosed in AW 96-920, 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.

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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 NRC. You should understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your withheld information. In all review situations, if the NRC 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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