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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S (NRC's) REVIEW  
OF THE AP600 DESIGN CERTIFICATION REVIEW

Dear Mr. Bruschi:

As you know, since the November 12, 1996, Senior Management agreement on the AP600 review schedule, the NRC staff have been working diligently with your engineers to complete the review. Significant progress has been made since last November with several major issues resolved, and several major sections of the Final Safety Evaluation Report being drafted. The NRC staff continues to believe that the Final Design Approval can be issued in 1998.

This confidence is based on your assurance that Westinghouse will provide the timely and necessary information required, and that you and I continue to focus the efforts of our staffs to meet the commitments for successful completion of the AP600 review.

Sincerely,

**Original signed by**  
Samuel J. Collins

Samuel J. Collins, Director  
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