



DCS  
PDR

Westinghouse  
Electric Corporation

Commercial Nuclear  
Fuel Division

Drawer R  
Columbia South Carolina 29250  
(803) 776 2810

NRC-98-005

February 5, 1998

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
ATTN: Mr. James Lieberman, Director  
Office of Enforcement  
One White Flint North  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852-2738

Dear Sir:

Subject: Payment of Civil Penalty

Reference: 1) Report No.: 70-1151/97-205  
2) NRC Letter EA-97-442; January 6, 1998

In connection with the violations assessed a base Severity Level III civil penalty in the referenced report and NRC letter transmitting a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty, Westinghouse Electric Company, a division of CBS Corporation, hereby remits the entire amount, \$13,750, of the civil penalty. We acknowledge that the imposition of the civil penalty reflects the expectations of the NRC regarding the importance of maintaining an effective nuclear criticality safety control program at our Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility (CFFF).

As stated in more detail in our Reply to Notice of Violation also being submitted today, we want to reemphasize, in connection with the events giving rise to the violations and associated civil penalty, that at no time was safety compromised for CFFF employees, the public or the environment. As acknowledged by the NRC, the comprehensive set of corrective actions underway to respond to the violations, including appropriate management oversight, and other on-going management control processes at CFFF, both address the specific incidents and violations, and will assure prevention of programmatic recurrence. However, we do appreciate the seriousness of the specific violations and their significance relative to the need

JE1410

9802090048 980205  
PDR ADOCK 07001151  
C PDR



NRC-98-005

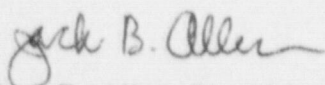
Page 2

February 5, 1998

to conduct the CFFF nuclear criticality safety process in accordance with all safety and regulatory compliance requirements. Accordingly, as we do not wish to prolong deliberation over an issue that is being appropriately addressed, we are today remitting the entire amount of the civil penalty.

Sincerely,

Westinghouse Electric Company



Jack B. Allen, Plant Manager  
Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility

cc: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Regional Administrator, Region II  
Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsythe Street SW  
Suite 23T85  
Atlanta, GA 30303