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MEMORANDUM FOR: Wayne D. Lanning, Chief
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FROM: Richard Lobel, Section Chief
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING WITH WESTINGHOUSE REPRESENTATIVES
TO DISCUSS WESTINGHOUSE PROCESSES FOR COMMUNICATING
FINDINGS ON THE FIELD PERFORMANCE OF WESTINGHOUSE
EQUIPMENT

On March 15, 1989, a meeting was held between members of the NRC staff and Westinghouse to discuss the Westinghouse communications related to the field performance of Westinghouse equipment. This meeting is a result of a January 12, 1989 meeting on manufacturing/quality assurance problems with Westinghouse circuit breakers.

A list of attendees is provided as Enclosure 1. Several management teams have been established by Westinghouse to study various aspects of quality assurance, commercial dedication and the interfaces between various Westinghouse organizations. Communications is an important element of this study, both within Westinghouse, between Westinghouse and Westinghouse customers and between Westinghouse and the NRC. Westinghouse discussed their efforts to improve communications in all these areas.

Westinghouse also discussed the progress to date in general terms and asked the NRC staff for their comments.

The staff provided the following comments to Westinghouse:

Westinghouse should consider:

- o lowering the threshold for Part 21 notifications and making notifications in a more timely manner
- o providing the staff, in an informal way, with generic communications made to their customers when these concern potential safety problems
- o making NRC aware of foreign events which may be applicable to domestic reactors when Westinghouse becomes aware of these
- o comparing the number of NRC Information Notices and Bulletins which affect Westinghouse plants with the number of Westinghouse communications to their customers in order to judge the adequacy of Westinghouse communications to their customers on safety issues
- o investigating the reason why Westinghouse was not aware of the failure of Westinghouse breakers at a non-Westinghouse plant
- o investigating the experience of other companies that dedicate commercial grade Westinghouse breakers for safety-related application

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The Staff expressed interest in learning the results of these Westinghouse programs when they are completed. Westinghouse agreed to brief the staff on the results.

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Enclosure:
As stated

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