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Mr. Nicholas J. Liparulo, Manager Nuclear Safety and Regulatory Analysis Nuclear and Advanced Technology Division Westinghouse Electric Corporation P.O. Box 355 Pittsburgh, PA 15230

SUBJECT: FORWARDING OF CONTRACTOR REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REVIEW OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE AP600 STANDARD SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT (SSAR)

Dear Mr. Liparulo:

The staff has asked contractors to perform analyses to support their review of Chapter 3 of the AP600 SSAR. A brief discussion of the analyses contained in these reports will be included in the staff's final safety evaluation report. The reports from the contractors are attached for your information. Enclosure 1 is a report entitled "Confirmatory Soil-Structure Interaction Analysis of the Westinghouse AP600 Nuclear Island Structures" by Carl Costantino, and Quazi Hossain. Enclosure 2 is a report entitled "Axisymmetric Buckling Analysis for the AP600 Standard Plant Containment Vessel" by L. Greimann, F. Fanous, R. Challa, and D. Bluhm. Enclosure 3 is a report entitled "Three-dimensional Buckling Analysis for the AP600 Standard Plant Containment Vessel" by L. Greimann, F. Fanous, S. Safer, H. El-Arabaty, A. Khalil, and D. Bluhm. Enclosure 4 is a report entitled "Three dimensional Analysis of AP600 Standard Plant Shield Building Roof" by L. Greimann, F. Fanous, S. Safer, A. Khalil, and D. Bluhm. If you have questions concerning these reports please contact Thomas Cheng of the civil engineering and geosciences branch at (301) 415-2770.

You have requested that portions of the information submitted in the June 1992, application for design certification be exempt from mandatory public disclosure. While the staff has not completed its review of your request in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790, that portion of the submitted information is being withheld from public disclosure pending the staff's final determination. The staff concludes that these follow on questions do not contain those portions of the information for which exemption is sought. However, the staff will withhold this letter from public disclosure for 30 calendar days from the date of this letter to allow

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Westinghouse the opportunity to verify the staff's conclusions. If, after that time, you do not request that all or portions of the information in the enclosures be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790, this letter will be placed in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated

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