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Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you are aware, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) recently filed an application with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requesting that the operating terms for Plant Hatch Units 1 and 2 be extended for an additional twenty years. I am writing in support of the request, and to inform the commission that granting this extension would be looked upon favorably by my office and this community.

Plant Hatch has been an integral part of the economy of my city and this area since its construction in the early seventies. It provides jobs for many of our citizens and is an important component in the economic growth this region has experienced in recent years.

Plant Hatch contributes a considerable amount of funds each year towards our Emergency Management Budget. Without these funds we would not be able to provide for our citizens the level of response that we are currently capable of providing. They also provide training for our volunteers that they would be unable to get elsewhere.

We consider Plant Hatch to be a good neighbor, and feel that we are kept sufficiently informed of plant status and activities. We trust the management of Plant Hatch to operate the plant safely. We have always had a great working relationship with the Plant, and are sure this relationship will continue.

Thank you for taking my thoughts into consideration as you begin the review process for this application. It and further is needed please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Walt Rogers
Tattall County Emergency Management Director

