

TO: Addressees for NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," Supplement 4, Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2

This draft supplement documents the NRC staff's review of the environmental issues at the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, in support of Southern Nuclear Operating Company's application for license renewal of those units. The draft supplement was prepared in accordance with 10 CFR 51.71. This supplemental environmental impact statement includes the staff's preliminary analysis that considers and weighs the environmental effects of the proposed action, the environmental impacts of alternatives to the proposed action, and alternatives available for reducing or avoiding adverse impacts. It also includes the staff's preliminary recommendation regarding the proposed action.

Please provide any comments you may have on the draft supplement no later than January 24, 2001. Written comments may be sent via mail to:

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