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RE: Request for Comment on the Draft Plant-Specific Supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement Regarding Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1

To Whom It May Concern:

I am responding to the invitation to comment on the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1 on the behalf of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. We thank you for providing us with timely updates regarding the ongoing process surrounding the renewal of the reactor operating license for the ANO-1 plant.

I have reviewed the draft report of the Environmental Assessment outlining potential environmental factors associated with the operation of the nuclear plant and did not identify any new issues that had not already been outlined in the report of April 2000. The transcript for the meeting held in Russellville, Arkansas on November 14, 2000 has not yet been made available for review, therefore, based on the information contained in the current report, the agency does not have any comments at this time.

Again, we thank you for your consideration of our comments during the scoping process and for keeping us well informed on the status of this project. If you feel it necessary to contact us for further input, please do not hesitate to do so.

Respectfully,

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