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Luis Reyes
Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Local)
61 Forsyth Street Suite 23T85
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: Relicensing of Plant Hatch

Dear Mr. Reyes:

Relicensing Plant Hatch for another 20 years, I believe, is not the most prudent direction for us to take as we work on our energy needs for Georgia's future.

Having the nuclear repository of spent fuel in such an environmentally vulnerable region of the state is a serious concern. The natural areas, aquifer recharge zones and fish habitat which are downstream from Plant Hatch contribute significantly to Georgia's economic stability and diversity. Georgia's agricultural productivity, seafood industries, tourism industry, as well as the forestry industry along the Altamaha River and south coastal areas are at perilous risk with the radioactive waste stockpile at Plant Hatch.

To add the the volume of spent fuel that 20 additional years of operation would produce is more risk than I think should be taken for Georgia's citizens, environment, and economy.

Wiser action, it seems to me, is to proceed with research in and support of renewable energy projects. Georgia and The Southern Company are lagging behind others in the whole renewable energy arena. Since we are one of the top ten fastest growing states in the nation, I would expect more creative energy leadership for our citizens.

Sincerely,

Merriam A. Bass
Staff Associate for Ecology



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From: Carolyn F. Evans, Reg'l Counsel, RTI

Mike,

Attached is the letter from the

individual raising concerns about the

Hatch license renewal proceeding. Give

me a call if you have any questions

(404) 562-4144. Thanks.

Carolyn Evans