

May 15, 2001

APPLICANT: Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.

FACILITY: Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC EXIT MEETING REGARDING NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE AND FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE CONCERNS RELATED TO THE EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

On Thursday, March 22, 2001, members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff met with staff from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (SNC or the licensee). The purpose of the meeting was to allow staff from the NRC, NMFS, and FWS to observe the arrangement of the river intake and discharge structures for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant (HNP), Units 1 and 2, and to discuss concerns raised by NMFS and FWS in relation to license renewal for HNP.

The participants gathered at the HNP Visitors' Center at approximately 9:30 am and the licensee provided a brief presentation (see Attachment 1) concerning the intake structure and previous testing related to the entrainment and impingement of aquatic species. Key participants then embarked in a small boat to observe the arrangement of the plant intake and discharge structures (to the extent visible) from the river. Afterwards the participants went onto the HNP site and inspected the arrangement of the trash racks and traveling screens at the intake structure. The participants then returned to the Visitors' Center and briefly discussed their observations from the day's activities.

At the conclusion of these discussions, the NRC staff held an exit meeting, open to the public for observation, with the licensee. Attachment 2 is a list of those attending the meeting. The staff members from NMFS and FWS plan to discuss their findings with personnel in their respective offices. SNC wrote a letter to NRC on April 25, 2001, docketing new information that was supplied during the visit, including commitments related to training for operators and future involvement in an existing team that is working on the recovery of shortnose sturgeon populations. After the exit meeting, the NRC staff remained to answer any questions from the public.

Based on comments received by the staff at the exit meeting, it became apparent that the notice for this meeting, which was issued on March 6, 2001, was not received by some, if not all, of the addressees on the staff's service list for the environmental review of the HNP license renewal application. The environmental staff is taking additional steps to ensure that this

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