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TO: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

SUBJECT: License Renewal For Southern Nuclear Operating Company

DATE: October 7, 2003

Attention: Mr. P.T. Kuo

Mr. Kuo,

I am writing this letter in response to the renewal application filed by Southern Nuclear Operating Company. Plant Farley who is owned by Alabama Power Company, and operated by Southern Nuclear has filed an application to seek a renewal license for 20 additional years on Farley Units 1 and 2. This will extend Unit 1 to the year 2037 and Unit 2 to the year 2041.Farley; s impact on the local economy is some 900-plant jobs and presently some $7 million in tax revenue. We have several people who live in Henry County and work at plant Farley. Henry County also shares in the tax revenue. Henry County EMA has an area of responsibility within the ten-mile radius of Plant Farley and drills two times a year with Houston County EMA in the event of an incident at Plant Farley. Many Plant Farley employees live in Henry County as well as Houston County and take an active part in their own communities by working with Habitat for Humanity, United Way programs and volunteer Fire Departments. All of which adds up to a lot of free man-hours given to these organizations. Plant Farley Works very closely with Houston, Early and Henry Counties in preparing for any incident that might occur during operation at the plant. Plant Farley is not only committed to safety at the plant site but also the surrounding communities and the enviroment. The officials at Southern Nuclear take great pride in protecting not only our natural resources but the agriculture resources as well. Plant Farley continually monitors the surrounding counties and sends each county a yearly up date on the impact it has on the environment. The plant takes great pride in maintaining the natural environment around it, giving a large number of wildlife a place to live and multiply. As you can see Plant Farley is a valuable asset to Henry County and the sister counties around it and the continued operation of the plant is greatly needed. With that I hope the commission will renew the license so it can continue to operate in the area. I would greatly appreciate hearing from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on their evaluation of Plant Farley. Thank you for your valuable time in addressing this

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matter. If this office can be of further assistance please feel free to contact me at any time.

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EMA Director