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facsimile transmittal**To:** Gloria Bennington, NRC**Fax:** (301) 415-8555**From:** Das Kutikkad**Date:** 04/27/99**Re:** SC Shipping Route Change**Pages:** 4**CC:**☐ Urgent☒ For Review☐ Please Comment☐ Please Reply☐ Please Recycle.....
Notes: Gloria, please let me know if I need to get in touch with DOT folks. Thanks.

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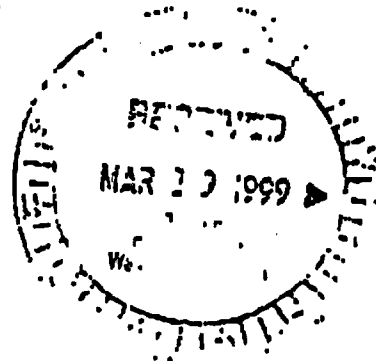
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March 24, 1999

Mr. Virgil Autry
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201



Virgil
Dear Mr. Autry:

We have just returned from a Department of Energy (DOE) Cross-Country Transportation Working Group Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. As you are aware, this was a planning session on moving shipments of Foreign Spent Nuclear Fuel cross-country to Idaho. The DOE advised that the South Carolina portion of the route would be Savannah River Site, Highway 19 gate to the 118 by-pass around Aiken back to Highway 19 and on to I-20, then west on I-20 to the South Carolina, Georgia state line.

This portion of the route is unacceptable to the law enforcement community. This would include SLED, DPS, and DNR on the state level as well as Aiken county authorities.

We would request the route be changed to the Highway 125 or Jackson gate to Beach Island then into Georgia on I-520. This route is more acceptable to the interface with the Georgia law enforcement group that is to escort the shipment according to Mr. Bruce Bragg of the Georgia Public Service Commission.

Our reasons for asking for this change are:

1. Nineteen (19) miles shorter driving distance than the proposed route which may shorten transit time.
2. There are two (2) stoplights as opposed to approximately twenty-five (25) stoplights on the proposed route.
3. Less populated area of Aiken county and does not go near the Aiken county hospital and USC Aiken campus as does the proposed route.



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4. It is all four (4) lane divided highway as opposed to a majority of two (2) lane road as does the proposed route.
5. It will better facilitate the security, safety and interface between South Carolina and Georgia authorities operations.

On behalf of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Team, I ask you to consider our request for a route change that is based on sound reasoning. Please let me hear from you, as I stand ready to discuss this issue at anytime.

Sincerely,

Ben

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Mr. Roy McLain, Transportation Mgr.
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Dear Mr. McLain:

In accordance with the enclosed letter and justification from Captain Benjamin Thomas, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and as discussed at the recent Cross Country meeting in Chicago, this is to request DOE's consideration to change the present routing of the spent fuel and other highway route control shipments departing the Savannah River Site to Highway 125 at the Jackson gate to Beach Island, and then into Georgia on I-520. Consequently, shipments arriving at the Savannah River Site utilizing Georgia I-20 should also use this route.

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Use of this route will minimize transit time and stops, avoid highly populated areas, and is conducive to the public's health and safety.

Thank you for consideration of this request. Should you have any questions, or require further discussion, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 896-4244.

Very truly yours,


Virgil R. Autry, Director
Division of Radioactive Waste Management
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Enclosure

cc: Capt. Ben Thomas, SLED
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