



C. Earl Hunter, Commissioner

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B. Jennifer Davis, Branch Chief
Environmental Review Branch
Division of Waste Management
and Environmental Protection
Office of Federal and State
Materials and Environmental
Management Programs

Dear Ms. Davis:

This is in reference to your letter dated November 14, 2006 regarding a request for concurrence on the finding of no significant impact for the proposed license renewal of Westinghouse's Columbia fuel fabrication facility. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's (SC DHEC) Bureau of Radiological Health can comment on matters involving the use of radioactive material, more specifically those matters related to Westinghouse's SC Radioactive Material License No. 094. The findings upon which you are requesting our concurrence are beyond the scope of our area of jurisdiction.

Your letter particularly addresses 36 CFR 800.4(a) as requiring concurrence. This regulation appears to relate to the protection of historic properties, requiring your consultation with the State historic preservation officer not SC DHEC. However, we do concur that the proposed renewal will have no significant impact on SC Radioactive Material License No. 094.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 545-4400.

Sincerely,

James K. Peterson, Director
Division of Radioactive Material
Licensing and Compliance
Bureau of Radiological Health