

Re: Nuclear Regulatory Commission Docket No. 52-011, Vogtle Nuclear ESP

Statement of James Stone

My name is James Stone. I live at 2714 Lumpkin Road, Augusta, GA 30906.

When they first built Vogtle, I worked there; I helped build it. I was a construction laborer. I started in 1982 and I worked there until 1989. We poured the concrete for the containment. I worked in the in the area where they put the back-up generators, the cables for the computers and things like that in the tunnels. When they put the dome on the containment, I left but my brother continued to work there until they went on line

I worked down there at the intake structure. At the river it is about 30 or 40 feet across. It's shaped like a dust pan. We used to drive Chevrolet pick-up trucks down into the intake structure. It sucked a lot of water, it sucked a lot of fish.

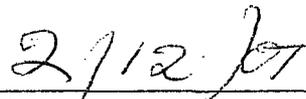
Before Vogtle went online, I fished the Savannah River. The water level that we had before was pretty good; but when Vogtle started, the water dropped. I don't think the river's big enough to supply more plants. I don't know if the river could stand it.

They didn't say anything about not fishing until Vogtle went online. Now there's a place there called "dead river," just below Vogtle's intake structure. We used to go fishing there when we were kids. Dead river's nothing compared to what it was. People stopped going there. We were catching fish, but we couldn't eat them. The inside of the fish was a yellowish color. The fish tasted funny, like motor oil or diesel fuel, especially down around the lock and dam area.

Now, during the winter, I fish once or twice a month, but I never eat the fish. I give them away. If I'm fishing up around Augusta, I stay above the old factories. Any fish caught below new Savannah, I give them away. You can tell that the water is warmer below Vogtle. I don't fish there anymore. A lot of guys go there in the summertime to fish for mullet. It's a warm water fish and they come all the way up to the dam, farther than they used to.

I have fished down to Shell Bluff, about four miles from Vogtle, before the intakes. There is a fishing area below the plant but I haven't been there in a long time. Below the plant, I'll put in the river and ride down, but I won't fish there at all. **I spent my life fishing that river. It's an injustice to me. They are doing people wrong.** I don't think we need another plant at Vogtle.

  
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