

# Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

**RE: Early Site Permit – Draft EIS  
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Expansion  
Burke County, Georgia  
HP-060428-001**

Dear Mr. Notich:

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has received information concerning the above referenced project. Our comments are offered to assist the federal agencies and their applicants in complying with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

HPD has reviewed the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for an Early Site Permit at the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Site, Burke County, Georgia. Based on the information contained in this document, HPD offers the following comments. Regarding structures, HPD agrees that the Savannah River Site, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), is located in the project's area of potential effects. Furthermore, as previously stated in our letter dated October 4, 2006, we agree that the project as proposed will have no effect to this property. Furthermore, regarding archaeological sites, as previously stated in our October 4, 2006 letter, it is our opinion that archaeological sites 9BK416 and 9BK423 should be considered eligible for listing in the NRHP. Additionally, though listed as ineligible in Table 2-24, it is our opinion that archaeological sites 9BK419 and 9BK420 should be considered potentially eligible for listing in the NRHP, but we agree that the project as proposed will have no effect to these sites. Also, sites 9BK421 and 9BK422 do not appear to meet the eligibility criteria for listing in the NRHP, though listed as not determined in Table 2-24. However, please note that we are unable to provide an opinion on the eligibility of archaeological sites 9BK459 through 9BK465 because we have not received information on these sites. Please provide HPD with the addendum survey report (New South Associates 2006b) that addresses these seven sites. Finally, effects to site 9BK416 is avoidance is not possible, should be evaluated through additional investigation of the area of the site to be impacted.

Please note that HPD recommends that the site boundary for 9BK423 be marked on construction documents and labeled as an environmentally sensitive area. In addition, it is our opinion that "No Trespassing" or "Sensitive Environmental Area" signage should be erected at the river in the area of the site to discourage further looting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Shirk, Environmental Review Coordinator, at (404) 651-6624.

Sincerely,



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