

February 20, 2008

Mr. Robert D. Perry
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SUBJECT: SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS
CONCERNING THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR
AN EARLY SITE PERMIT FOR THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING
PLANT

Dear Mr. Perry:

We have received your letter of December 28, 2007, providing comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP) for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Site. We appreciate your comments contained in your letter and we will consider them during our preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

Your letter references coordination and consultation under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) between the Federal agency and the state or states in which the modification to the watercourse is to occur. Although the facility will be located wholly in the State of Georgia, the facility withdraws and discharges water from the Savannah River which is, as you point out in your letter, the shared border for much of its length between Georgia and South Carolina. We recognize the State of South Carolina's concerns over potential for damage to wildlife resources that could result from the construction and operation of new nuclear units at the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) site. We would like to consult with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) consistent with the provisions of the FWCA to solicit any additional comments and recommendations you might have on the wildlife aspects of the proposed ESP. Any additional comments, recommendations or reports provided will be afforded full consideration during our review.

We would be happy to meet with you in Columbia, South Carolina, to discuss the proposed project and discuss any concerns you might have related to the Savannah River. If you have any specific reports or recommendations directed to conserving fish and wildlife by preventing loss of and damage to resources or improving habitat related to this activity at this time please do not hesitate to forward them to us.

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Again we would give them full consideration during the preparation of the FEIS. The point of contact for this review is Mr. Mark D. Notich, Environmental Project Manager, mdn@nrc.gov, 301-415-3053. Please contact Mr. Notich if you believe a meeting to discuss the project would be helpful to the consultation.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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