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MEMORANDUM TO: Andy Imboden  
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FROM: Brent Clayton, Branch Chief /RA/  
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Office of New Reactors

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Cristina Guerrero of the NRO staff at (301) 415-2981 or e-mail: CXG3@NRC.GOV.

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Clarification to Section D7:

1. Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC), the applicant for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Early Site Permit (Vogtle ESP), submitted its application on August 15, 2006. SNC assessed the impact on known and potential historic and cultural resources and classified site lands according to resource potential. In addition, SNC included cultural resource-specific written directions in its site-wide Excavation and Backfill Work Procedures calling for an immediate stop work order should archaeological, historic, or other cultural resources be discovered during excavation. In November 2006, the staff visited Plant Hatch, Plant Farley and the Barton Site, the three alternate sites identified in the Vogtle ESP submittal. The staff toured the site and the surrounding vicinity and met with personnel.

A draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) was issued for public comment on September 14, 2007. Copies of the DEIS were forwarded to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GaDNR) and to Native American tribes which may have an aboriginal interest in the site for review. GaDNR provided comments on the DEIS and stated that additional investigation was needed into a listed site at the Vogtle ESP.