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Thomas C. Moorer
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**RE: Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Expansion
Burke County, Georgia
HP-060428-001**


Dear Mr. Moorer:

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has reviewed the documentation submitted regarding the above referenced project. Our comments are offered to assist the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) and its applicants in complying with provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

Based on the information contained in the July 11, 2007 archaeological addendum report entitled "Addendum Report: Phase I Archaeological Survey of the Water Line Corridor for the Proposed Intake Structure at Plant Vogtle, Burke County, Georgia" prepared by New South Associates, it is our opinion that additional investigation (limited Phase II) should be conducted to ensure that the project as proposed will have no adverse effect to intact deposits associated with archaeological site 9BK416, a site that may be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. HPD recommends that this additional investigation consist of three 2x2 meter test units, with the option to expand one unit depending upon field results.

We look forward to working with Southern Company as this project progresses. If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth (Betsy) Shirk, Environmental Review Coordinator, at (404) 651-6624.

Sincerely,


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