



TO:

Melba McGee

Office of Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs

FROM:

Molly Ellwood

Southeastern Permit Coordinator Habitat Conservation Program

DATE:

February 8, 2008

SUBJECT:

Scoping Comments for Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Proposed 40-year

RECEIVED

license renewal for Global Nuclear Fuel-Americas, L.L.C., Wilmington, OLIA

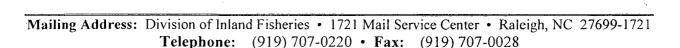
Project Number: 08-0205

Biologists from the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) have reviewed the proposed project description. Our comments are provided in accordance with certain provisions of the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act (G.S. 113A-1 through 113A-10; 1 NCAC 25) and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661et seq.).

Global Nuclear Fuel-Americas, L.L.C. (GNF-A) in Wilmington, an existing facility, is applying for a 40 year license renewal. GNF-A manufactures fuel assemblies for commercial nuclear reactors and is located on a 1,664 acre tract located on Hwy 133 in Wilmington, in New Hanover County.

To help facilitate document preparation and the review process, our general informational needs are outlined below:

- 1. Please include a description of any streams or wetlands affected by the project. Please explain any water that is taken from the Cape Fear River for use in this facility, how it is used, how water use may change in time (i.e. changes in intake needs or uses), as well as how used water is monitored and discharged.
- 2. Please include a description of how waste is handled at this facility and include how a possible contamination of surrounding land would be dealt with.



3. Provide a description of fishery and wildlife resources within the project area, including a listing of federally or state designated threatened, endangered, or special concern species. A listing of designated plant species can be developed through consultation with:

NC Natural Heritage Program
Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources
1601 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1601
(919) 715-8697
Maps and species lists may be accessed on-line at: http://www.ncnhp.org/

and,

NCDA Plant Conservation Program P. O. Box 27647 Raleigh, N. C. 27611 (919) 733-3610

We appreciate the opportunity to be involved in the EA process early-on. Thank you for allowing us to comment. If you have any questions, please call me at (910) 796-7240.

CC: Fritz Rohde, NC DMF