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Serita Sanders
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Division of New Reactor Licensing
Office of New Reactors, NWE2/DNRL
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Re: Progress Energy Orientation Session to Give Details of
Site Characteristics of COLA, March 6, 2008

Dear Ms. Sanders:

Jim Warren and I, on behalf of the NC Waste Awareness and Reduction Network, appreciated the opportunity to listen in by phone bridge on the Progress Energy orientation session with the NRC staff. NC WARN is attempting to familiarize itself with the technical and regulatory materials in the Shearon Harris license.

We were however disturbed that the meeting was cut short. It was scheduled for 2 ½ hours but our participation ended after 70 minutes. We were left out of any further discussions between the NRC and the applicant that may have occurred after we left the phone bridge. You essentially went into "closed session" after some tough questions from the NRC staff that lengthy discussions did not resolve. Representatives from Progress Energy were the ones to suggest that issues be resolved "after the meeting." Nothing being discussed was proprietary or safeguards-related, so all of the meeting should have been public.

What was discussed in the meeting after we left? I understand that the meeting was not transcribed but was a recording made or did any of the staff take notes? If so, please send me a copy of them.

I reviewed the NRC policy statement, "Enhancing Public Participation in NRC Meetings," (March 28, 2002; 67 FR 36920-24), about Category 1 meetings and it states that "at this type of meeting, NRC anticipates that the public would obtain factual information to assist in their understanding of the applicable regulatory issues and NRC actions." We expect to participate in these meetings when we can even though it's our opinion that the licensing process has been largely prescribed to actively discourage public involvement in a meaningful manner.

OUR REQUEST is that all future meetings, such as this one, are held in the vicinity of the Shearon Harris site so that we, along with local governments, the media and members of the interested public, can participate in a meaningful way. This is the area where the impacted population and environment are, so it is proper to hold all meetings in this area rather than in Rockville, Maryland.

Please respond to our request at your earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely,

/s/jr

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cc. Jim Warren
Rep. David Price