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Subject: SHEARON HARRIS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 2 & 3 COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION (TAC NO. RD3325), Federal Register: May 22, 2008 (Volume 73, Number 100, Page 29785-29787)

Dear Sir:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the environmental scoping process for the Harris Nuclear Power Plant Units 2 and 3 Combined License Application. The Town of Cary obtains its water supply from Jordan Lake, which drains to the Cape Fear River upstream of the discharge from the Harris Nuclear Power Plant. We are also the lead agency for the Western Wake Partners (Apex, Cary, Morrisville and Holly Springs) who are working together to implement the Western Wake Regional Wastewater Management Facilities. A separate comment letter is being submitted on behalf of the Partners and the Town of Cary supports those comments as well as the comments included in this letter.

It is our understanding that Progress Energy is proposing to withdraw water from the Cape Fear River below Jordan Lake and above the USGS gage at Lillington. This withdrawal can affect water supply because the outflow from the Jordan Lake is controlled by the US Army Corps of Engineers to meet a target flow at Lillington. The effects - on water quantity and quality - of any potential withdrawals and discharges should be fully evaluated, including any potential impact on the low flow augmentation pool and the water supply pool of Jordan Lake. The US Army Corps of Engineers and the NCDENR Division of Water Resources (DWR) should be consulted for this evaluation; DWR has developed the Cape Fear River Hydrologic Model which should be used for hydrologic evaluations.

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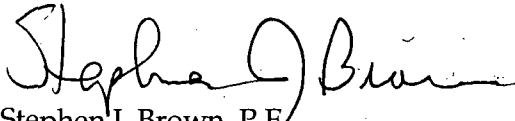
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Once again, thank you for this opportunity to comment on the environmental scoping process for the Harris Nuclear Power Plant Units 2 and 3 Combined License Application. We believe that consideration of the potential impacts to Jordan Lake will ensure a higher quality project when completed. Please feel free to contact me at 919-469-4002 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen J. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "S".

Stephen J. Brown, P.E.
Town of Cary, Director of Public Works and Utilities

cc: William B. Coleman, Jr., Town Manager, Town of Cary
Leila Goodwin, Water Resources Manager, Town of Cary