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Mr. William Burton, Branch Chief
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: Request for Participation in the Environmental Scoping Process and List of Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species within the Area Under Evaluation for the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Units 2 and 3 Combined License Application Review

Dear Mr. Burton,

Because our database does not represent a comprehensive biological inventory of the state, I can only verify the known occurrences in the vicinity of the alternate site for this project in Marion County, SC. There may be occurrences of species in the vicinity of your project area that have not been reported to us.

It appears that Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. has reviewed our species list for Marion County available at https://www.dnr.sc.gov/pls/heritage/county_species.list?pcounty=marion. I have checked our database, and there are no known occurrences of any federal or state listed threatened or endangered species in the vicinity of rough area of the project site. If it becomes necessary that the complete project needs to be built in Marion County, I expect that a complete survey of the area would be done to ensure that no threatened or endangered species are impacted.

As a professional courtesy, we ask that you acknowledge S.C. Heritage Trust as a source of information whenever you use this data in reports. If you need additional assistance, please contact me by phone at 803-734-3917 or by e-mail at HollingJ@dnr.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

Julie Holling, Data Manager
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