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## Natural Resources



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Mr. William Burton, Branch Chief US Nuclear Regulatory Commission Environmental Projects Branch 1 Div. Of Site and Environmental Reviews Office of New Reactors 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 two alternate sites in South Carolina. There may be occurrences of species in the vicinity of your project areas that have not been reported to us.

It appears that Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. has reviewed our species lists for Darlington and Marion counties available at

https://www.dnr.sc.gov/pls/heritage/county\_species.select\_county\_map. I have checked our database, and there are no known occurrences of any federal or state listed threatened or endangered species within a mile of the H.B. Robinson Nuclear Power Plant in Darlington County, or in the vicinity of the rough area of the greenfield site in Marion County. If it becomes necessary that the complete project needs to be built at either of the sites in South Carolina, 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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