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Environmental Review Branch  
Division of Waste Management and  
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US Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Re: Initiation of the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Process for General Electric-Hitachi  
Global Laser Enrichment Proposed Uranium Enrichment Facility, New Hanover County, ER 07-2157

Dear Ms. Kock:

Thank you for your letter of April 29, 2009, concerning the above project. We have reviewed the relevant sections of the GLE Environmental Report and offer the following comments.

The Environmental Report offers an accurate description and assessment of the cultural resources found to be located within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the proposed facilities. No additional identification activities are warranted for cultural resources in connection with this project. In our letter dated April 9, 2008, to Scott Seibel of Environmental Services, Inc., we concurred with his evaluation of archaeological site 31NH801 as eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D and with the adequacy of his report of the investigations.

The Environmental Report states that the access road adjacent to site 31NH801 will not be widened and the project, therefore, will have no effect upon the site. We request that final plans for the proposed facility and access roads be forwarded to us for our review as soon as they are available. We also request that we be informed of the measures now being taken and those to be taken in the future to ensure protection and preservation of the site from proposed and future ground disturbing activities.

If during construction, there are unanticipated discoveries of cultural resources, we recommend that all ground disturbing activities within the vicinity cease, and our office be notified as soon as possible. If unmarked burials or human skeletal remains are encountered, compliance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 70, Article 3 should be undertaken.

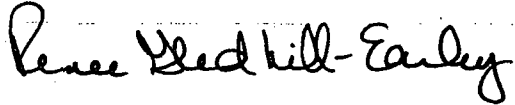
Please note that archaeological site locations are protected under the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes 70-18 and should not be made available to the public. Maps depicting site locations should not be included in environmental or other documents made available to the public, as this constitutes a risk of harm.

We look forward to working with your staff and their consultants on this project.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, please contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919/807-6579. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,



Peter Sandbeck

cc: Christianne Ridge, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection  
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