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SUBJECT: CHANGE IN SCHEDULE OF SHEARON HARRIS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT,  
UNITS 2 AND 3, COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION ENVIRONMENTAL  
REVIEW

Dear Mr. Scarola:

This letter informs Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. (PEC) that the schedule for completion of the environmental review for the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Units 2 and 3, Combined License Application (COLA) will be indeterminate (TBD) until a revised schedule can be prepared.

The staff originally scheduled the issuance of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by June 26, 2009, and the final EIS by May 2010. The planned schedule incorporated the following bases:

- (1) Timely and complete applicant responses to the Requests for Additional Information (RAI);
- (2) An Environmental Report consistent with other state and Federal requirements (e.g., information in support of a Clean Air Act general conformity determination).

Several RAIs remain unresolved including, a Clean Air Act general conformity determination in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93 Subpart B, resolution of staff safety review RAIs regarding the maximum level of Harris reservoir, a Section 404(b)(1) alternatives analysis, and a wetlands conceptual mitigation plan. Therefore, pending receipt and verification of complete responses to the remaining RAIs, the Shearon Harris application environmental review schedule will be designated as TBD on the NRC's Shearon Harris Nuclear Site, Units 2 and 3, Application public website. A revised schedule will be developed upon receipt of acceptable responses to the remaining RAIs.

You are encouraged to coordinate resolution of all open items including proposed completion dates with the Environmental Project Manager, Dr. Donald Palmrose, along with the USACE project manager, Mr. Monte Matthews, as soon as possible.

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If you have any questions or need any additional clarification of the information provided in this letter, please contact Dr. Donald Palmrose at 301-415-3803 or by e-mail at [Donald.Palmrose@nrc.gov](mailto:Donald.Palmrose@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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