

Timothy Johnson

From: Christianne Ridge - *FSME*
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2008 4:57 PM
To: [redacted] (b)(6)
Cc: Gregory Suber; Gloria Kulesa; Timothy Johnson
Subject: RE: Environmental Review Process
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Mr. Whitted,

Thank you for your email expressing interest in NRC's environmental review process for General Electric-Hitachi's (GEH's) proposed uranium enrichment facility in Castle Hayne, N. C.

You asked about criteria NRC will use to evaluate Environmental Justice concerns. In general, to evaluate Environmental Justice concerns, NRC focuses on identifying and evaluating any impacts that would disproportionately affect low-income or minority groups. For example, if a low-income or minority group uses a particular resource, such as fish from a certain lake, more than other groups do, potential effects on that resource (in this case, the fish) might be an environmental justice concern. You can find more detailed information in Appendix C of the NRC guidance document, "NUREG-1748, Environmental Review Guidance for Licensing Actions Associated with NMSS Programs". You can find NUREG-1748 by following the link below.

<http://www.nrc.gov/materials/active-nepa-reviews.html>

Appendix C of NUREG-1748 also refers to NRC's Environmental Justice Policy Statement. I have attached that policy statement to this email.

In your email, you also expressed concern about the impacts of other facilities in the area. In general, the impacts of neighboring facilities would be considered as "cumulative impacts" during our environmental review. You can find more information about how NRC evaluates cumulative impacts in Section 4.2.5.2 of NUREG-1748.

Public input is very important to our environmental review process. I encourage you to describe your specific concerns to NRC during our scoping process, which will begin approximately six weeks after NRC receives GEH's application, if we accept their application for review. At that point NRC will return to Wilmington to have a public meeting like the one you attended in July. The meeting will be advertised in local newspapers and on local radio stations. NRC has not yet received an application from GEH, so we do not know exactly when the scoping meeting may be held. However, GEH has told NRC that they plan to submit an application by the end of the year.

Please let me know if you have any other questions about NRC's environmental review process. You can contact me at this email address or by phone at (301) 415-5673. If you would like to receive copies of letters NRC sends regarding this project, please let me know and I will add you to the distribution list.

Thank you,
Christianne Ridge

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This was originally sent weeks ago. I made a mistake on the address.

From: [redacted]
To: Christianne Ridge@nrc.gov
Sent: 7/23/2008 1:25:05 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Environmental Review Process

Mrs. Ridge,
[redacted] Last week I attended the meeting at UNC-W about the Proposed Uranium Enrichment Facility to be located at G. E.-Haitachi Facility, Castle Hayne, N. C..

[redacted]
My neighborhood is a part of the larger area known as the [redacted] Because of the other facilities, that impact our physical environment currently in the area, I have some concerns about this new proposal. My immediate reason for writing you is that I would like to know exactly what are some of the criteria that will be considered in deciding the impact that this proposal would have on the question of environmental justice in my neighborhood and the larger community. I would appreciate info on a site that I could read on-line or any printed material that you could share on this subject.

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Thanks for your assistance in this matter.

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