

September 1, 2009

Ms. Charlene Dwin Vaughn  
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SUBJECT: NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT SECTION 106 CONSULTATION  
PROCESS FOR GENERAL ELECTRIC-HITACHI PROPOSED URANIUM  
ENRICHMENT FACILITY

Dear Ms. Vaughn:

On June 26, 2009, General Electric-Hitachi (GEH) submitted an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a license to authorize construction and operation of a uranium enrichment facility. GEH proposes to locate the facility on the existing General Electric/Global Nuclear Fuel-Americas site near Wilmington, North Carolina (Wilmington site). The Wilmington site is located approximately 9.6 kilometers (6 miles) north of the city of Wilmington in New Hanover County, North Carolina, on Parcel number R01700-001-000. In an Environmental Report submitted in support of the application, GEH identified 107 hectares (265 acres) of the 656 hectare (1621 acre) Wilmington site as the Area of Potential Effects for direct effects resulting from the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the proposed facility.

As established in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 51 (10 CFR 51), the NRC regulation that implements the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, NRC is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address the environmental impacts associated with the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the proposed facility. In accordance with 36 CFR 800.8(c), the EIS will include analyses of potential impacts to historic and cultural resources. We intend to use the EIS process to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as described in 36 CFR Part 800.8. As part of that process, the NRC has initiated consultation with the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office.

Your office will receive a copy of the draft EIS along with a request for comments. The anticipated publication date for the draft EIS is March 2010.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Environmental Project Manager, Ms. Christianne Ridge, at 301-415-5673 or by e-mail at christianne.ridge@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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