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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT RELATED TO THE COMBINED LICENSES FOR VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3

Dear Mr. Clary:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed the "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Combined Licenses (COLs) for Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Units 2 and 3" (NUREG-1939). The draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) focuses on the impacts of constructing and operating two new nuclear units at the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) site. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Charleston District, is a cooperating agency on the DEIS.

Enclosed is a copy of the DEIS and the associated *Federal Register* Notice of Availability. This notice advises the public that the DEIS is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html which provides access through the NRC's Electronic Reading Room link. The accession numbers in ADAMS for the DEIS are ML101000010 and ML101000011. The DEIS can also be found at the NRC's VCSNS specific webpage at http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/summer.html. In addition, the Fairfield County Library, located at 300 Washington Street, Winnsboro, South Carolina, has agreed to make the DEIS available for public inspection.

The NRC staff plans to hold two public meetings to discuss the analyses and results in the DEIS on Thursday, May 27, 2010 at the White Hall AME Church, 8594 State Highway 215 South, Jenkinsville, South Carolina 29065. The first meeting will convene at 12:00 p.m. and will continue until 4:00 p.m., as necessary. The second meeting will convene at 6:00 p.m. and will continue until 10:00 p.m., as necessary. You and your staff are invited to attend.

As discussed in Section 10.7 of the DEIS, the NRC staff's preliminary recommendation is that the COLs for VCSNS Units 2 and 3 should be issued. This preliminary recommendation is based on: (1) the COL application's environmental report; (2) consultation with Federal, State, Tribal, and local agencies; (3) the NRC and USACE staffs' independent review; (4) consideration of public scoping comments; and (5) the assessments summarized in the DEIS, including the potential mitigation measures identified.

A separate notice of filing of the DEIS will be placed in the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the NRC Environmental Project Manager, Ms. Patricia Vokoun, at 301-415-3470 or via e-mail at Patricia.Vokoun@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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