### NRC Public Meeting Southern Nuclear Operating Company Plant Hatch Tritium Update August 9, 2006

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# Objectives

- Ensure NRC has full understanding of tritium issue at SNC Plants
  - no threat to public health and safety
  - all releases are below regulatory limits
- Provide overview of tritium at Plant Hatch
- Review all actions undertaken by SNC

## **Overview at Plant Hatch**

- Historical Reporting and Monitoring
  - Regulatory event reporting since 1978
  - Public awareness and NRC interactions
- Recent Events
  - Identification of new release points
- Corrective Actions
  - Stopped known on-site releases to groundwater
  - Permitted most recently identified release points
  - Established ongoing and enhanced monitoring

#### **Environmental Program Overview**

- Historical monitoring
- Discovery of un-permitted releases
- Communications
- Southern Nuclear's corrective actions
- Monitoring program going forward

#### **Historical Monitoring**

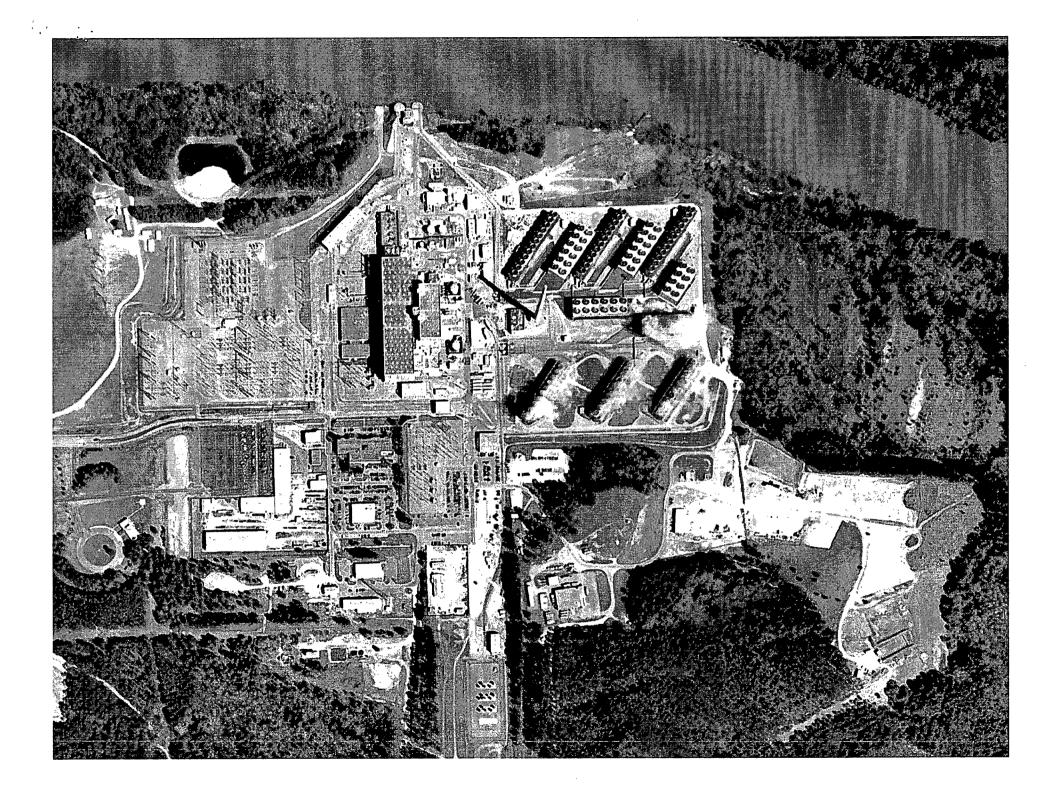
- Onsite
  - Drinking water wells
  - Groundwater monitoring wells
- Offsite
  - Monitoring water samples from Altamaha River
  - Georgia EPD offsite testing
- Site Hydrology

### **Recent Events**

• On-site

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- Historical releases & sources
- No known current sources
- Off-site
  - Reclassification of release points



## Communications

- Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Georgia Environmental Protection Division
- Local officials

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• Nuclear Energy Institute

#### **Corrective Actions**

- Stopped known on-site releases to groundwater
- Permitted most recently identified release points
- Enlisted a consultant to perform a hydrology study
- Enlisted an engineering firm to study underground piping
- Increased and enhanced sampling and inspection program at plant
- Other measures

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- Implementation of industry groundwater protection plan
- Continue to examine site hydrology

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- Evaluate locations for additional monitoring wells
- Refine groundwater monitoring protocols
- Expansion of preventative maintenance programs

# Summary

- All known releases are permitted and monitored
- All releases below regulatory limits

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- No offsite groundwater migration of tritium
- No threat to public health & safety