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SUBJECT: FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR WILLIAM STATES LEE
III NUCLEAR STATION UNITS 1 AND 2 COMBINED LICENSES APPLICATION
REVIEW

Dear Mr. Fallon:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) as a cooperating agency have completed NUREG-2111, "Final Environmental Impact Statement for Combined Licenses (COLs) for William States Lee III Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2". In addition to the electronic copies of the final environmental impact statement (EIS) and reader's guide, enclosed is a copy of the *Federal Register* Notice of Availability. This notice advises the public that the final EIS is available for review and provides information on where to obtain copies.

As discussed in the final EIS, the NRC staff's recommendation related to the environmental aspects of the proposed action is that the combined licenses should be issued. This recommendation is based on:

(1) the Environmental Report (ER) submitted by the applicant; (2) consultation with Federal, State, Tribal and local agencies; (3) the NRC and USACE staffs' independent review; (4) the consideration of public comments received during the environmental review; and (5) the assessments summarized in the final EIS, including the potential mitigation measures identified in the ER and the final EIS.

In addition, in making its recommendation, the NRC staff has concluded that none of the alternative sites is obviously superior to the William States Lee III Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2 sites.

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Sincerely,

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Docket Nos.: 52-018 and 52-019

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