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SUBJECT: Informs that Oconee Nuclear Station has been assigned NPDES permit number SC0000515, in response to NRC request. Resolution of toxicity testing issues & public comment period must be completed before issuance of permit.

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Dear Mr. Wilson;

In response to your request concerning the status of NPDES and land disposal permits for the Oconee Nuclear Station, the following is submitted for your review.

The Oconee Nuclear Station has been assigned NPDES permit number, SC0000515. Currently, the resolution of toxicity testing issues involving Outfall 002 and the public notice and comment period must be completed before final approval and issuance of the permit to Oconee. Included in this process is the approval for land disposal of solids. The solids land application permit is included and will be issued upon finalization of the NPDES permit.

The Bureau of Water is in the process of working with Oconee Nuclear staff towards the resolution of these issues. These are the only issues being considered by the Bureau (under the Clean Water Act) impacting water quality at the Oconee Nuclear Station and it's ability to continue operation and maintain compliance in the future.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at 803-896-4246 or e-mail at gandyrm@columb34.dhec.state.sc.us

Sincerely,

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