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 Comments on draft enviro statement for Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit #1 from Agricultural Research Service...

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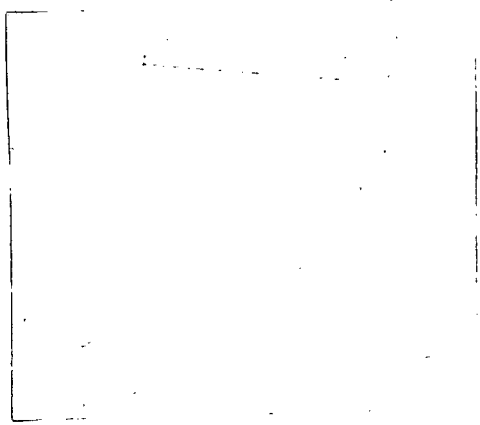
Dear Mr. Rogers:

We have reviewed the draft environmental statement for Oconee Nuclear Station Unit 1 of Duke Power Company and comments from the Agricultural Research Service are attached. Forest Service has not yet completed its review of this statement. They will send whatever comments they may have to you direct at a later date.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Director
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Attachment



Environmental Statement - Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1,
Duke Power Company

The Agricultural Research Service has reviewed the Draft Detailed Environmental Statement on the Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1, Duke Power Company. There is no indication that construction of this facility would have any adverse effect on the agriculture of the area.

Conversion of 26,000 acres from a terrestrial to an aquatic environment will undoubtedly have some impact on the ecology of the area. If properly managed, no serious detrimental effects should result. Care should be exercised during construction of residences and roads in the circumferential areas following completion of the project to minimize undue erosion hazards.

Potential hazards to aquatic biota by thermal discharges is acknowledged. Benefits derived from the construction of this facility far outweigh any of these minor hazards which may materialize.

In general, there appears to be no potential hazards to soil and water resources of the area indicated in this statement. The Agricultural Research Service, therefore, does not object to the proposed plans for the Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1, as submitted.