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Mr. Lester Rogers
Director, Radiological and
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Washington, DC 20545

Dear Mr. Rogers:

This refers to our letter of January 19, 1972, transmitting the U. S. Department of Agriculture comments on the Duke Power Company's Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1. Comments on this station from the Forest Service are enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Coordinator, Environmental
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The major impact on the forest resources discussed in this project has already occurred, e.g., clearing and inundation of 26,000 acres. The statement is very complete and thorough concerning most resources affected. Although benefits are shown for hunting, fishing, and other forms of recreation, costs or losses are not shown (unless they are included in the 7.8 million under land use). To be truly objective, expected future returns for timber, hunting, fishing, and other land and water uses on land to be inundated should be shown as "costs".

We are happy to see that some of the Duke Power Company land will be converted to forestry. As you know, change in land use often results in sedimentation, so adequate plans to control erosion should be considered.

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