

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

Docket No. 50-238

MEMORANDUM FOR: Leonard Bickwit, General Counsel

Office of the General Counsel

FROM:

Harold R. Denton, Director

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT:

COMMENTS ON H. R. 5867, CHARTER OF N. S. SAVANNAH TO

PATRIOTS POINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By memorandum dated November 30, 1979, Mr. Slaggie of your staff requested comments on a bill (H. R. 5867) to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to charter the Nuclear Ship Savannah to the Patriots Point Development Authority. First of all, we do not anticipate any licensing problem associated with the bill and, therefore, have no recomended changes. With respect to a cost estimate, we believe that the additional cost to the NRC in staff review time would range between \$6000 and \$12,000. The cost would depend on the completeness of the application from the Patriots Point Development Authority for transfer of the possession only license. The bill would cause no change in NRC staff time to review of the ultimate disposal of the ship. Disposal of the ship would remain the responsibility of the Maritime Administration.

The Patriots Point Development Authority is an Agency of the State of South Carolina and, therefore, we would not assess any licensing fees (see 10 CFR 170.11) to offset any NRC staff review costs. The Maritime Administration is also exempt from NRC licensing fees.

Harold R. Denton, Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation