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Mr. Lester Rogers
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Dear Mr. Rogers:

This is in response to your letter of December 13, 1971, wherein you requested comments on the draft environmental impact statement for the Oconee Nuclear Station Unit 1.

This Department has reviewed the health aspects of the above project as presented in the documents submitted. This proposed nuclear generating station does not appear to represent a hazard to public health and safety. Moreover, it appears that any delay in such construction and operation could result in power shortages with consequences prejudicial to the public health.

Final documentation concerning this station should include information on actions to be initiated in the event of an accident including notification of and participation with cognizant State and local authorities. It should also describe arrangements for the exchange of information and coordination with such authorities on routine environmental surveillance activities.

The opportunity to review the draft environmental impact statement is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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