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Jessie Muir Quintero
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August 10, 2020

RE: Comment Period for SCOPING for Docket No. 70-1151; NRC-2015-0039

Dear Jessie Muir Quintero:

I live near the Westinghouse Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility and am deeply concerned. I do not live as close as some of my friends who live VERY close, in this rural, low-income area.

I request an immediate extension of the comment period for 90 days beyond the current August 31, 2020 deadline for the scoping portion for the EIS process of re-licensing of the Westinghouse Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility, WEC-CFFF, in Hopkins, South Carolina.

The country has been seized by a national/international pandemic and one of the worst economic recessions in modern times. Residents in the rural, low-income, primarily African-American communities surrounding the WEC-CFFF are hit the hardest. Both the pandemic and the economy have made the lack of access to food, to healthcare, and to job income worse. Health issues are intensified by the presence of polluting industries in the community besides WEC-CFFF.

NRC must follow National Environmental Policy Act, NEPA, rules regarding full inclusion and protection of EJ communities. The current deadline does neither of those things. The NRC must not require residents to provide input by August 31 that would force families to take time away from focusing on life's necessities, all for the purposes of a private company.

Westinghouse has had a history of an unsafe working culture as well as many radioactive leaks,

persistent groundwater pollution, and incidents approaching criticality. They continue to have non-compliance issues. The radioactive technetium-99 contamination, according to the timeline, may not be resolved until 2022.

These are not normal times, so rules and policies of normal times need to be adjusted to these abnormal times to ensure a full, fair, equitable, transparent, and scientific process. The NRC has made adjustments for itself and the industries it serves. That practice must be extended to the public as well. Scoping, input by the public to be included in the EIS, requires time to study in order to ensure the NRC investigates all that it should. NRC'S promises of advance meetings with stakeholders must be kept. Families must be given opportunities to get on their feet.

These are extraordinary times which call for extraordinary measures. Please extend the deadline for scoping to 90 days beyond the current August 31, 2020 deadline.

Also, please email me a confirmation notice when you receive this email and provide the date by which you will deliver a response. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
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