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Subject: [External_Sender] Additional Comments on Westinghouse Draft EIS - Docket ID NRC-2015-0039

I am writing to submit these additional comments regarding the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Westinghouse Fuel Fabrication Facility in Richland County, South Carolina (Westinghouse Draft EIS - Docket ID NRC-2015-0039) on behalf of Congaree Riverkeeper.

The EIS should more thoroughly evaluate the potential impacts of climate change and upstream development, and the associated increased risk of spills, leaks or other releases of pollutants. Climate change is expected to result in extreme rainfall events with increased frequency and intensity, as well as increased flooding risks. This facility has already experienced at least two documented releases from the wastewater lagoons on site (the 1971 leak, and the 2015 flooding event) and the cumulative effects of climate change and increased development are likely to increase the risk of future similar events. Additionally, the increased risks associated with climate change and upstream development also favor a shorter license term than the proposed 40 years.

The DEIS also states that after the 2015 flooding event and associated lagoon spills "No supplemental sampling of 18 environmental mediums was conducted during or immediately after the flooding event." This is very concerning, and any new license should require immediate sampling after any flood event or possible release of pollutants into the environment.

Finally, line 33 on page 3-65 should read "During October 2015 flooding event..."

We appreciate the opportunity to submit these additional comments.

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