

September 10, 2007

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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS)
FOR AN EARLY SITE PERMIT (ESP) AT THE VOGTLE ELECTRIC
GENERATING PLANT SITE

Dear Ms. McConney:

This letter is a follow-up to a telephone conversation on August 29, 2007, concerning the issuance of NUREG 1872, "Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Site (VEGP)." The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) includes the staff's preliminary environmental recommendation that the ESP should be issued and that there are no environmentally preferable or obviously superior sites. In addition, the staff concluded that the site preparation and preliminary construction activities allowed by 10 CFR 50.10(e)(1) will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts that cannot be redressed.

Included with this letter are the two copies of the DEIS you requested. The DEIS is also available through the Agency-wide Document Access Management System (ADAMS), under accession numbers ML072410045 and ML072410049, through the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> and at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/esp/vogtle.html>.

A 75-day public comment period is expected to begin on September 14, 2007, with the Notice of Availability of the DEIS with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The staff has scheduled a public meeting at the Augusta Technical College, Waynesboro Campus Auditorium, located at 216 Hwy 24 South, Waynesboro, GA 30830 on October 4, 2007, to present its analyses and to accept public comments on the draft EIS. The meeting will have two sessions, which are an open house from 5:00 - 7:00 pm and a formal meeting from 7:00 - 11:00 pm.

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Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, you can reach me by telephone at (301) 415-3053 or via e-mail at MDN@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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