

Table J-2. DOE responses to comments on Draft EIS (continued)

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STATEMENT OF ROGER DALE WENSIL		
AG-1	<p data-bbox="512 365 732 437">Roger Dale Wensil 14 Creek Court Aiken, SC 29801</p> <p data-bbox="512 464 1172 560">My statement deals with the construction of this proposed cooling tower project as well as other construction, maintenance and operations activities on the Savannah River Plant.</p> <p data-bbox="512 584 1144 655">I would like to address this meeting about the problem of illegal drug use on the Savannah River Plant.</p> <p data-bbox="512 679 1157 799">We all know the nature of the work on the Savannah River Plant, and because of the potential dangers involved in this work, I say that if there is any place in the United States that should be drug-free, the Savannah River Plant is it.</p> <p data-bbox="512 823 1129 895">Drug users pose a terrible danger to us, whether they work in construction, operations, or maintenance.</p> <p data-bbox="512 919 1172 1038">You are being too lenient on these drug users. Your policy of rehabilitation for drug users is admirable, but I feel that for our protection, these people should be permanently removed from the Savannah River Plant.</p> <p data-bbox="512 1062 1144 1158">At present, people who are found to have drugs in their bodies on the Savannah River Plant are sent home for thirty days, and then are allowed to return to work.</p> <p data-bbox="512 1182 1157 1257">One of your chief responsibilities is the safe operation of this facility. By knowingly allowing known drug users to return to work on the plant</p>	<p data-bbox="1236 464 1800 507">These comments are outside the scope of this EIS.</p>

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	<p>site, you are just as guilty as they are in the event of an accident. In such an event, I feel that the courts of this land would find you, the Department of Energy, criminally negligent and liable for any damages done to us by these drug users.</p> <p>The South Carolina Electric and Gas Company and the Georgia Power Company have a policy that when a person is found to have drugs in their system while at work, they are fired and permanently barred from employment.</p> <p>I believe the citizens of Aiken County deserve at least the same protection as the citizens being protected by these companies.</p> <p>I say that for the protection of the people of this area that no construction, operation or maintenance work should be done on the Savannah River Plant until this dangerous situation is corrected.</p> <p>These drug users have the potential to cause the most disastrous effect that can be imagined on the environment.</p> <p>Fire these drug users and bar them from future employment. Replace them with people who realize the responsibilities that go along with a job on the Savannah River Plant.</p> <p>There are plenty of qualified people looking for jobs who would be glad to have the jobs that these drug users seem to have so little regard for.</p> <p>I have deliberately not quoted the figures available to me concerning drug use on the plant site, but I think that if the people of this area were aware of what a serious problem you allow to exist on the site, it would scare the hell out of them.</p>	

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	I challenge DOE to report to the public on a regular basis the percentage of people, plant wide, who test positive in your drug abuse program, and what actions you take. Thank you.	