

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

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STATEMENT OF THOMAS F. HARTNETT		
Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515		
May 8, 1986		
The Honorable John S. Herrington Secretary of Energy 1000 Independence Ave. SW Washington, D.C. 20585		
Dear Mr. Secretary:		
AW-1	I am writing in regard to the possibility of alternative uses for the cooling water from nuclear reactors at the Savannah River Plant.	DOE prepared a new appendix in this EIS (Appendix I) to address the feasibility of using the cooling water discharges from K- and C-Reactors for agricultural and aquacultural uses, industrial applications, direct power generation, and ethanol production.
	As you know, Senator Thurmond recently sponsored a meeting that produced an open discussion among several of the principals who are considering the viability of these alternative uses. Mr. Fred Christensen, a participant of the meeting and a retired engineer at the Savannah River Plant, remained quite dismayed at the reaction by the representatives of the Department of Energy toward his ideas for usage of the cooling water. Specifically, he stated that he could not understand why \$100 million can be set aside for the construction of cooling towers, but one tenth of one percent of this amount cannot be allocated for a study into the effectiveness of alternative applications for the cooling water. Therefore, for my own clarification, I would greatly appreciate hearing your response to Mr. Christensen's proposal to study the logistics of irrigation as an option to heat abatement.	

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	As always, thank you for your time and consideration. With kind regards, I am	Sincerely, Thomas F. Hartnett, M.C.
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