

APPENDIX C

TRANSCRIPTS, LETTERS, AND FORMS

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MR. LAWSON: We now have an opportunity for you to discuss with the Department any concerns you have, ask questions, or perhaps just make some comments. I remind you that we do have -- there's hand-held mikes. If you would raise your hand, I'll recognize you and we'll bring you a mike.

And I'd like to ask Gail, if she would, just jot down briefly some of the issues or concerns that are raised by people.

Anyone have a comment or a concern?

Yes, sir, right here.

MR. NEWMAN: Excuse me if I don't stand up.

MR. LAWSON: That's fine. Would you just give us your name again for the record, please?

MR. NEWMAN: Newman.

MR. LAWSON: Thanks.

MR. NEWMAN: I've only got one leg, that's why I want to sit.

MR. LAWSON: That's fine.

MR. NEWMAN: I get regularly to these things. It's your world, make the best of it. The money that DOE spends is also my money. And this is just a little preface to what I'm going to say later.

But the other day I got this in the mail; fifty-five cents, three pieces of paper from Westinghouse, from CAB.

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1 A couple of days later from CAB I get this with four
2 pieces of paper for thirty-two cents. Who's watching for
3 my money? That's a little bit more now.

4 I got this in the mail. Very voluminous, lots of
5 detail; Construction and Operation of the Tritium
6 Extraction Facility at the Savannah River Site. As I -- I
7 asked for a copy of the NEPA Regulations before I came
8 here, and there was a miscommunication. I didn't get the
9 NEPA Regulations, I got the DOE interpretation of the NEPA
10 Regulations.

11 It's my recollection -- and I've been in this
12 business for something like thirty, forty years. My
13 recollection, that NEPA says, among other things to be
14 considered in an EIS, is economics and social effects.
15 DOE has very cleverly combined economics and social
16 effects to socioeconomic effects. There is not a thing in
17 this book that addresses the economics of your decision,
18 the proposed decision, for consideration.

19 **MR. LAWSON:** Okay. Could I ask, just to clarify your
20 question, are you talking about the economic effect in the
21 community or the cost of the facilities when you say
22 economics?

23 **MR. NEWMAN:** I'm talking any economic effects you can
24 think of. I'm talking the cost of the facility, I'm
25 talking -- oh, this addresses the impact on the community,

1 it sure does. But it does not look at what it is going to
2 cost you and me and all the rest of us in here to go one
3 way or the other.

4 If one of them is three times as much expensive as
5 the other one, do we ignore that fact? This says we do.
6 This says we don't address that.

7 **MR. LAWSON:** We can --

8 **MR. NEWMAN:** It does not address it.

9 **MR. LAWSON:** You can get an answer to that question
10 if you'd like to before you go on?

11 **MR. NEWMAN:** Oh, sure. I'd love to have the answer
12 to that question.

13 **MR. HICKMAN:** The alternative to that was selected,
14 which is the west of 233-H, was the least expensive
15 alternative --

16 **MR. NEWMAN:** How -- do you show that in your EIS?

17 **MR. HICKMAN:** No, we do not, because it's an
18 environmental impact and not an economic impact.

19 **MR. NEWMAN:** Does not the NEPA say that the
20 Environmental Impact Statement addresses economics?

21 **MR. HICKMAN:** I defer to my NEPA expert.

22 **MR. NEWMAN:** Somebody tell me that in the preparation
23 of an EIS, you do not address economics? Tell me.

24 **MR. KNOX:** The socioeconomic portion was --

25 **MR. NEWMAN:** Speak up.

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1 **MR. KNOX:** The socioeconomic portion --
2 **MR. LAWSON:** John, could you also give your name,
3 please.
4 **MR. KNOX:** John Knox, DOE. The socioeconomic portion
5 of that was designed to approach that aspect, the
6 combination of socioeconomics --
7 **MR. NEWMAN:** You haven't answered my question. Does
8 not the NEPA say you must address economics in your EIS?
9 **MR. KNOX:** I can't remember the specific citation.
10 **MR. NEWMAN:** Well, I want a very detailed and
11 documented response to that. Because I was with AGNS, and
12 I am not taking the position of AGNS today. I have --
13 the only thing I get from AGNS now is my pension, and I'm
14 not an agent for AGNS or anything like that. But it
15 aggravates me when you guys go ahead -- and I've raised
16 this question before. An EIS is supposed to address the
17 economics of your decision. Is it going to cost the
18 taxpayer three times as much or a third as much?
19 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** I think --
20 **MR. NEWMAN:** And I think that's kind of important.
21 And it's not touched on in here.
22 **MR. LAWSON:** Obviously economics will have to be
23 considered. Is there somebody here who can answer the
24 question of where does economics be considered?
25 **MR. NEWMAN:** It belongs in the EIS.

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1 **MR. LAWSON:** Right over here. Name please, Max.
2 **MR. CLAUSSEN:** My name is Max Claussen. I'm the
3 Deputy Project Manager of the Commercial Light Water
4 Reactor in Headquarters at the Department of Energy.
5 The decision process which includes the evaluation of
6 the Environmental Impact Statement and a number of other
7 very important parameters are placed before the Secretary
8 of Energy for a decision. Included in that process will
9 be a complete evaluation of both the capital cost and the
10 long-term life cycle cost of conducting this project or
11 any other alternative that is considered to replace it.
12 Now, that documentation will then be captured in the
13 Record of Decision, which is separate and not part of,
14 based on the Environmental Impact Statement.
15 **MR. LAWSON:** Mr. Claussen --
16 **MR. NEWMAN:** Somebody send me a copy of the first
17 part of NEPA that says what should be included in an
18 Environmental Impact Statement, and I'll back down.
19 Because I think it says economics, and it says social
20 effects, not socioeconomics. I think it says economics.
21 It calls for the EIS; preliminary, final, record of
22 decision, you name it. Economics. What -- where would
23 this country get if we didn't look at money?
24 Because the DOE says, okay, we'll -- we know it's
25 going to cost three times as much, but we won't tell you

1 about that until we give it to the Secretary for his
2 Record of Decision.

3 **MR. LAWSON:** Let me -- further clarification, yeah.

4 **MR. VIVIANO:** Richard Viviano from the Department of
5 Energy. On Page 5-9 where they do talk about the
6 socioeconomic --

7 **MR. NEWMAN:** I'm not talking socioeconomic. I'm
8 talking economic.

9 **MR. LAWSON:** Let --

10 **MR. VIVIANO:** But they do break it down into social
11 and economics in this section.

12 **MR. NEWMAN:** Okay. Where is it --

13 **MR. VIVIANO:** Page 5-9.

14 **MR. NEWMAN:** 5-9?

15 **MR. VIVIANO:** That's right. They talk about
16 population over the next forty years. They talk about
17 personal income over the next forty years as a result of
18 this facility.

19 **MR. NEWMAN:** Do we talk about the cost of the
20 facility?

21 **MR. VIVIANO:** No, I don't see that.

22 **MR. NEWMAN:** I don't think you do. I mean that is --
23 that is real economics. If it's going to cost two million
24 or two billion or three billion, whatever, and they only
25 cost three times as much, that has to go into your

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1 decision-making process. That has to go into the public
2 discussion process.

3 **MR. LAWSON:** Your point is well-taken. And the
4 question I would ask Mr. Claussen is, is there anytime
5 short of a Record of Decision where information about the
6 cost is available to the public?

7 **MR. NEWMAN:** Cost of the facility, not cost of jobs.

8 **MR. LAWSON:** I understand, cost of the facility.

9 **MR. CLAUSSEN:** The costs for these projects are being
10 reviewed --

11 **MR. NEWMAN:** Put it closer to your mouth, please.

12 **MR. CLAUSSEN:** I said the costs for these project are
13 in fact being reviewed and they're part of the --

14 **MR. NEWMAN:** They are --

15 **MR. CLAUSSEN:** Pardon me, sir.

16 **MR. LAWSON:** Let him -- let him finish. Let him
17 finish.

18 **MR. NEWMAN:** They were not put out for public
19 comment.

20 **MR. LAWSON:** Just let him finish.

21 **MR. CLAUSSEN:** The costs of this project are being
22 developed as we work on the project. They are estimates
23 that we are continuing to validate and improve. Some of
24 the costs of the option have not been negotiated with the
25 people who are going to participate in the option;

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1 therefore, we don't have final data. We have projections
2 and budgets we've placed before Congress and they're
3 reviewed in the public there.

4 **MR. NEWMAN:** I -- my bottom line is, and it will be
5 the last time I say it, the federal law says that EIS will
6 consider the economics of the project. The economics of a
7 project include the costs of the project, the way I grew
8 up. They were not there. I submit that this -- and
9 that's only the first part. This is meaningless to the
10 public. They're not being told what they're buying there.

11 The second thing is, it strikes me as a now-retired
12 consultant, retired because DOE didn't like the things I
13 told them, that this is a consultant's survival document.
14 With differences in the impact between the Savannah River
15 Site and the Barnwell site, as minuscule as they are, the
16 consultants have made a doggone fortune in nitpicking,
17 looking at minute, and making a big deal about it. This
18 thing should be about a fifth of what it is, to be a
19 thesis decision-making document.

20 **MR. LAWSON:** So your viewpoint is that there is very
21 little difference between those two sites?

22 **MR. NEWMAN:** Very little difference, but an awful lot
23 of money in this thing.

24 **MR. LAWSON:** Okay. Before I have you go on, we have
25 another person and I'd like to go around and have other

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1 people have a chance to make a first comment before we go
2 to a second and third.

3 **DR. KELLY:** Well, I think you need to understand, and
4 I hope that the Department of Energy people do -- I think
5 you need to understand, and I think the Department of
6 Energy does understand that, that in South Carolina, the
7 AGNS facility has been a very controversial issue. And
8 one of the factors involved is that it was built just
9 before NEPA came on line. It never had a true
10 Environmental Impact Statement done for it. So if it's --
11 I don't think it's going to be painless for you to make
12 the AGNS choice.

13 **MR. NEWMAN:** I hope --

14 **MR. LAWSON:** Now, wait a minute. Just one at a time.
15 Yeah. Sir, you're going to have plenty of chance to talk,
16 but let's do it one at a time. And I'd like to call on
17 other people who would like to speak.

18 **MR. NEWMAN:** I thought she was finished.

19 **MR. HUMES:** My name is Fred Humes, and I'm Director
20 of the Economic Development Partnership, and we represent
21 both Aiken and Edgefield Counties. The site is of course
22 one of the largest employers, not only in this region and
23 in the state, and certainly we support that. But I think
24 before providing or making a few comments, I'd like to
25 just give you a little background to put it in context.

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1 And I certainly won't read all three pages, but I will
2 provide it to you.

3 First and foremost, this community is proud of the
4 unique role that we have played in being the nation's only
5 supplier of tritium. And we kind of feel like that it was
6 our site that helped win the Cold War and we're proud of
7 that.

8 And secondly, the Department of Energy has a friend
9 here at Savannah River Site. A lot of the community
10 support for SRS activities is as real as it is legendary.
11 And I don't think there's any denial of that. That
12 support is based on appreciation that the intellectual and
13 physical talents of SRS are technically confident and
14 committed to safe conduct of all of the site activities
15 and tritium enjoys a warm place in our hearts.

16 And while I fully support the national need for
17 tritium, in fact, our organization has spent considerable
18 time and dollars in support of the accelerator option, I
19 do have serious reservation about the concept of producing
20 tritium for military purposes in a Commercial Light Water
21 Reactor. And I think that many people have repeatedly
22 expressed that -- that concern and I think it's disturbing
23 to a large number of our people. And I believe that it
24 will undermine our nation's international nonproliferation
25 and activities.

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1 The recent action by the House National Security
2 Committee and the FY99 Authorization Legislation to
3 preclude production of tritium in US commercial and
4 nuclear power reactors was based, I think, on many of
5 these same concerns. But, if before Congress adopts the
6 House language, then the tritium extraction facility in
7 its present form will not be required, at least on my
8 understanding.

9 And I basically contend then, though, if you went
10 ahead with this project and with this EIS, that the draft
11 Environmental Impact Statement is deficient in certain
12 areas and probably does not meet the requirements of NEPA
13 for evaluating all environmental impacts associated or
14 resulting from the federal action. And specifically, I
15 don't think it was -- it addresses the environmental
16 impact that's going to result in a change in this nation's
17 policy towards the production of tritium or strategic
18 material in a Commercial Light Water Reactor.

19 I think what we're going to find is that other
20 nations are going to pick up on that. That will certainly
21 have an impact on their programs and eventually is going
22 to have environmental impact of some nature on the United
23 States. And I really think that needs to be addressed in
24 this EIS.

25 The United States nuclear weapons research production

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1 and testing programs was subject to revision of NEPA.
2 Extensive environmental documentation was required and
3 this action will cause a similar increase in nuclear
4 weapons development and testing activity and I think
5 similar environmental impacts that should be looked at.
6 And I think failure to not analyze these impacts will
7 violate the spirit, if not the intent, of NEPA.

8 I once again reiterate that I am very supportive of
9 the tritium program. I do not believe that a Commercial
10 Light Water Reactor and consequently this TEF is the right
11 way to go, and I would like to enter these comments into
12 the record.

13 **MR. LAWSON:** Great. Thank you very much.

14 And he reminds me, if others of you have written
15 comments, they're always welcome. And of course that's
16 the surest way to make sure that your comments are taken
17 verbatim.

18 Mike, do you have any comments to make in response to
19 that or any clarification that you need to --

20 **MR. HICKMAN:** Just to reiterate, the purpose of this
21 EIS is for this extraction facility. There is also an EIS
22 being evaluated for the Commercial Light Water Program,
23 which is the irradiation service and the transportation of
24 those irradiated rods to Savannah River. But our EIS is
25 just focused on the facility here at Savannah River.

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1 **MR. HUMES:** So you don't need this if you don't have
2 the CLWR; is that correct?

3 **MR. HICKMAN:** That's correct.

4 **MR. CHAPUT:** I just have a comment. My understanding
5 is that -- my name is Ernie Chaput, Economic Development
6 Partnership.

7 My understanding is that the CLWR programmatic EIS
8 also does not address -- is deficient in that it does not
9 address the nonproliferation aspects associated with
10 making tritium in the commercial reactor. And that's --
11 you know, it needs to be there.

12 **MR. LAWSON:** Does anyone have a comment on that --

13 **MR. HICKMAN:** Well, it hasn't been issued yet, but
14 Max can address that.

15 **MR. CLAUSSEN:** The President of the United States has
16 addressed that by issuing a statement of administration
17 policy that says that, in fact, there is no proliferation
18 concern of using Commercial Light Water Reactors to
19 manufacture tritium in this country. This country has a
20 long history of making nuclear weapons material in all
21 kinds of facilities.

22 The Atomic Energy Act, as originally construed and as
23 amended in 1974, preserved the capability for the United
24 States as the original nuclear weapons state to use all of
25 its resources, whatever they may be, to do whatever it

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1 needs for its national defense requirements. We continue
2 to persist with that. There is no record whatsoever that
3 we've been able to find, not a policy, a law, a treaty, a
4 regulation, that says that this is not an acceptable
5 course of action in the United States.

6 **MR. LAWSON:** I -- just to clarify, the point that was
7 made here is that -- I think one of the points was that if
8 you didn't follow that, that the environmental impacts
9 following that should be included --

10 **MR. CLAUSSEN:** Well, if it were a change in policy, I
11 would agree with that. But this is a longstanding, non-
12 changed policy in the United States.

13 **MR. LAWSON:** Well, your point is -- is [inaudible].
14 Do you want to follow up?

15 **MR. HUMES:** Are we also saying that this country
16 endorses North Korea producing tritium --

17 **MR. CLAUSSEN:** North Korea is not a nuclear weapons
18 state. The United States is in fact the original nuclear
19 weapons state. And, in fact, all of our -- I guess the
20 way I would like to characterize this is, nobody has ever
21 found anything that was illegal, fattening, and immoral
22 about doing tritium in the United States in any reactor or
23 any facility that we've got.

24 **MR. HUMES:** We have not done it, though.

25 **MR. CLAUSSEN:** Oh, yes, we have. Over the first

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1 fourteen years the United States commercial nuclear power
2 plants, over seventeen thousand metric tons of commercial
3 nuclear fuel were purchased for use in the stockpile from
4 commercial nuclear power plants.

5 **MR. LAWSON:** Okay. There's a question over here, Mr.
6 Walker.

7 **MR. PARKER:** Yes. My name is Lane Parker, and a
8 couple of comments here.

9 Recently in one of our Citizens Advisory Board
10 meetings, I can't recall the gentleman's name that came
11 before us and -- talking about national security. And one
12 of the concerns, and evidently DOE has had a change of
13 heart like they always do, that they were trying to bring
14 everything in and get it fenced in closer where they
15 didn't have to build more fences.

16 And my concern here is, and I don't go along with
17 this producing this thing outside of a regular DOE
18 facility, but what we're doing, we're laying the
19 groundwork here for terrorists or whatever, whatever comes
20 down the road. And I think we need to give that serious
21 consideration before we go ahead and do this because, all
22 we're doing is leaving the door open for all this. And I
23 think that the other countries will pick up on it, too.
24 Even though we might have done it in the past, I think
25 we've been setting a good example recently. And I think

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1 we should continue on doing that.

2 **MR. LAWSON:** I called you Mr. Walker instead of
3 Parker. My apologies. Anyone else?

4 Incidentally I would ask you, although I'm not going to
5 try to limit your comments here, I would ask you to focus
6 in on specific comments on this draft EIS because this is
7 the day that you have the opportunity to do that.

8 Yes, sir? You have something?

9 **MR. NEWMAN:** One or two other things. I've heard a
10 lot of whether we should do -- produce tritium in
11 commercial reactors or not, and I didn't think that was
12 the subject of this meeting. And I would like to get
13 involved in that, but if it's not the subject, I don't
14 want to --

15 **MR. LAWSON:** That's why I just made a comment that I
16 just did.

17 **MR. NEWMAN:** Good. Good. One thing that has
18 disturbed me with the Savannah River Site recently is when
19 they had the emergency drill during the holidays, a third
20 of the people supposed to show up did not show up. And so
21 they shrugged their shoulders and said, well, a lot of
22 people who are not scheduled to show up did show up, so
23 they had ninety-two percent of the people they needed.

24 I have been involved in drawing up emergency response
25 plans. I do have specific expertise for each of those

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1 jobs. So a lot of people that weren't scheduled to show
2 up showed up. Were they the ones who filled in for those
3 specific jobs? That wasn't addressed.

4 The CAB apparently and the news media accepted this.
5 Oh, no, we don't have to worry, they had plenty of warm
6 bodies there. Warm bodies do not count in an emergency
7 response. It's expertise, specified expertise that is
8 required.

9 **MR. LAWSON:** Now, is your comment in relationship to
10 the --

11 **MR. NEWMAN:** No, it's not -- it's not -- but it's the
12 kind of stuff that we're getting from the Savannah River
13 Site. They just -- it's a snow job and I'm getting tired
14 of it, essentially.

15 One other thing, I have complained about this before,
16 and this has to do with this EIS, where they differentiate
17 between involved and uninvolved workers. They don't
18 really define -- well, they said uninvolved workers are
19 six hundred meters away from the stack.

20 **MR. LAWSON:** Six hundred meters?

21 **MR. NEWMAN:** Six -- that's a long ways. That's --
22 six hundred and eighty, I think it is actually. That's a
23 long ways away. But they don't say where involved workers
24 are.

25 To me, any worker in that plant who could be exposed

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1 to excess radiation should be documented in here.

2 MR. LAWSON: Okay.

3 MR. NEWMAN: But they keep playing this game. And
4 I've talked about this for two or three years. And I keep
5 being told, well, we'll take care of that. But I still
6 get involved and uninvolved workers.

7 MR. LAWSON: Okay.

8 MR. NEWMAN: And I know when I was out in Hanford, I
9 was talking to one of the engineers up there on this
10 subject and he said, well, we don't worry; we know we're
11 expendable. That is a, excuse the expression, a hell of
12 an attitude for a worker to have to take. Hey, I'm
13 expendable because I'm an exposed worker. So -- I'll try
14 to stop it right there.

15 MR. LAWSON: Okay. [Inaudible] --

16 MR. NEWMAN: [Inaudible] is inconsistent. Basically
17 I think this is trash, period.

18 MR. LAWSON: Mike, do you want to --

19 MR. HICKMAN: Well, I appreciate your comments but
20 let me assure you that the Department of Energy, and
21 Westinghouse Savannah River and the other contractors at
22 the site, don't think anyone out there is expendable.

23 MR. NEWMAN: Well, why are you talking about exposed
24 and unexposed?

25 MR. HICKMAN: Well, the nature of working at a

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1 nuclear facility, there are going to be individuals that
2 will go through routine exposure due to the nature of the
3 work involved there. And there are workers that don't get
4 around the radiation, so they are uninvolved in the
5 nuclear processes that are going on at the site.

6 MR. LAWSON: Comment back here.

7 MR. SHEDROW: Let me at least partially --

8 MR. LAWSON: Can you give your name, please?

9 MR. SHEDROW: My name is Barry Shedrow, I'm with the
10 Westinghouse NEPA Group. And let me at least try to
11 partially answer the question that was raised.

12 MR. NEWMAN: I can't hear you.

13 MR. SHEDROW: My name is Barry Shedrow. Can you hear
14 that? Okay. I'm with the Westinghouse NEPA Group. And
15 this is not my area of expertise and I'll just -- I had
16 someone try to explain this to me not too long ago. The
17 uninvolved worker, someone who is six hundred and forty
18 meters away, okay, and the question --

19 MR. NEWMAN: How far?

20 MR. SHEDROW: Six hundred and forty meters.

21 MR. NEWMAN: Six hundred -- okay.

22 MR. SHEDROW: Okay. And a partial answer to what
23 your question is, they use certain models in order to
24 determine the impact of some accident or something
25 occurring within the facility of six hundred and forty

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1 meters away. If you try to model the impact on someone
2 who is closer, such as someone who is working in the
3 facility, you have to make so many gross assumptions in
4 trying to get the model to work, the answer you get is
5 nonsensical, it doesn't make that much sense. Okay?

6 Now, you also have to take what I'm telling you at
7 surface value, because I can't argue the point with you.
8 That's the way it was explained to me, and it sounds
9 reasonable, at least it does to me.

10 **MR. LAWSON:** Okay. Thank you, sir. I appreciate
11 that.

12 Any other comments or anyone we haven't heard from
13 yet?

14 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** I just have a question.

15 **MR. LAWSON:** Sure.

16 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Can I get the gentleman's name down
17 there on the end who was making the comment concerning the
18 President's position on nonproliferation?

19 **MR. LAWSON:** Mr. Claussen. Mr. Claussen.

20 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Lawson?

21 **MR. LAWSON:** Claussen.

22 **AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Thank you.

23 **MR. LAWSON:** Big difference. Lawson is here,
24 Claussen is there.

25 Anyone else have another comment?

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1 Right over here.

2 **MR. CHAPUT:** Yeah, let me -- I'm not sure that my
3 question was specifically answered. The thrust of my
4 comment was that we, as a country, regardless of what the
5 law says, but from a moral standpoint, this country has
6 taken a position where we're trying to encourage other
7 nations who are not currently nuclear powers from engaging
8 in weapons research development, nuclear weapons research
9 development and production.

10 And one of the things that we're suggesting or
11 jawboning them to do is to not make materials that are
12 capable of specifically for nuclear weapons in commercial
13 reactors. And, the international community is buying
14 reactors from North Korea to get them out of reactors
15 which are capable of making nuclear materials. And it's
16 not a lot different from the recent Iraqi situation where
17 the weapons of mass destruction were biological as opposed
18 to nuclear. But the international community has tried to
19 act to prevent a -- a country from obtaining those types
20 of capabilities.

21 This country has been accused of duplicity by some
22 foreign countries by saying on one hand, don't use your
23 commercial nuclear facilities in the weapons program, at
24 the same time we've been, you know -- our proposal to do
25 the same thing ourselves.

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1 The making of tritium in commercial reactors will
2 undermine our foreign policy objectives in
3 nonproliferation; that's the thrust. And to the extent
4 that it undermines the foreign policy initiative, which
5 causes environmental impacts because other nations are now
6 engaged in nuclear weapons research and development
7 including testing in India and Pakistan, that causes
8 environmental impact as a result of our inability or our
9 lack -- our reduced ability to cause other nations to
10 refrain in those activities.

11 That reduced ability to cause those nations to
12 refrain causes environmental impact, and that's what we're
13 saying ought to be included in this environmental impact
14 statement. Not -- you know, not to say what we've done in
15 the past is right or wrong or indifferent. But wherever
16 we are today in looking forward, we are trying to dissuade
17 other countries from nuclear weapons research and
18 development, using their commercial facilities. And we're
19 pulling the rug out from under our foreign policy
20 initiative. That has an environmental impact. That's the
21 environmental impact that we think needs to be included in
22 this particular analysis.

23 **MR. HICKMAN:** Once again let me reiterate, Ernie,
24 that this EIS is for this facility at Savannah River.
25 There is -- there is a CLWR EIS and there will be a public

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1 meeting and that will be held in this area in --

2 **MS. JERNIGAN:** Right now the schedule is for
3 September.

4 **MR. HICKMAN:** --- in September. And that will be an
5 opportunity to address those proliferation issues in that
6 EIS, but not this one.

7 **MR. CHAPUT:** Well, I disagree. If this facility is
8 not constructed, then those proliferation issues won't
9 come up in the first place.

10 **MR. HICKMAN:** That's not -- that's not necessarily
11 true because we can use -- we can irradiate a rod in a
12 noncommercial light water reactor and extract them here at
13 Savannah River. We also have the option of purchasing a
14 reactor for DOE's use.

15 **MR. CHAPUT:** Yes. But that's a DOE reactor, not a
16 commercial reactor.

17 **MR. HICKMAN:** That's an option that we have available
18 to us.

19 **MR. CHAPUT:** And that does not cause a
20 nonproliferation concern [inaudible].

21 **MR. LAWSON:** The important thing here is not to -- is
22 not to argue this facility or not this facility, although
23 I know that's important to many people, but it's focusing
24 in on the adequacy of the environmental impact analysis
25 that's been conducted.

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1 And this gentleman has another question. Linda, if
2 you will [inaudible].
3 **MR. NEWMAN:** Okay. A couple of things. If I read
4 correctly, if India or Pakistan or anybody else decided to
5 make tritium with an accelerator -- he'd have no problem.
6 He shouldn't do it in a light water reactor, because if
7 we do it in a light water reactor, it would encourage them
8 to do it.
9 Second, I have headed up two projects, excuse me,
10 I've headed up two projects. One was back in the '60s
11 developing gas centrifuge technology for uranium
12 producing. And AEC cut us off because they were afraid if
13 other countries knew we were -- I've got to watch my
14 language, because I think it's still classified. If they
15 knew that we were encouraged, they might start it up
16 themselves. They shut down our project after we'd spent
17 about a million dollars on it, which sent [inaudible] to
18 other countries like Germany, Holland, England, hey, those
19 guys over there must have had something or they wouldn't
20 have been cut off. And so they got into it and they
21 developed it.
22 The second was there was a plant down -- or near here
23 in Barnwell on which we had spent over two hundred million
24 dollars. Jimmy Carter said, if you go ahead it's going to
25 encourage others to reprocess commercial nuclear fuel, so

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1 we're going to shut you down. He shut us down. That
2 plant is still sitting there.
3 Germany is still processing. Russia is processing.
4 France is processing. England is processing. Japan is
5 processing. China is processing. This idea that if we
6 want to put the blinders on ourselves, it's going to make
7 other people put their blinders on is absurd. We've got
8 to find a better way of doing it. I'm all for stopping
9 for the nuclear race, but I'm not after to let everybody
10 do what they want to do.
11 But our being holier than thou and saying, okay,
12 we're going to produce tritium at Savannah River in an
13 accelerator is not the subject of this meeting, but then
14 we are going to build a facility to separate tritium
15 somewhere which is the subject of this meeting, is that
16 discouraging other countries from doing the same thing?
17 **MR. LAWSON:** Let me just ask a clarification, Mike.
18 There's obviously a link that's being drawn here between
19 this extraction facility and a clean light water reactor.
20 Will a decision on this facility, up or down, be made
21 before a decision has been made on the clean -- on the
22 nuclear water -- the Commercial Light Water Reactor?
23 **MR. HICKMAN:** No.
24 **MR. LAWSON:** So that decision was made first
25 before --

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1 **MR. HICKMAN:** Production source will be determined
2 first and then we'll get a nod to go ahead if it's a -- if
3 it's a Commercial Light Water Reactor.

4 **MR. LAWSON:** Okay, great. Mr. Parker has another
5 question over here, please.

6 **MR. PARKER:** I'm looking at one of your slides here
7 and one of the first things here it says, tritium-
8 producing burnable absorber rod manufacturers. And you go
9 all the way -- I guess, I might be a little -- I just
10 barely got to walking around sense -- but I'm looking at
11 this thing, the end thing here is the tritium stacking
12 facility.

13 Well, it looks like we've got the cart before the
14 horse, if we're going to determine where we're going to
15 make the burnable rods at. And I'm thinking, it sort of
16 come to me, that it looks like TVA and DOE has got these
17 unfinished reactors sitting around. And I think that's
18 just an excuse to go ahead and get them up and running in
19 a roundabout way, because DOE is awful famous for drawing
20 these fine lines there that we just barely can see.

21 **MR. HICKMAN:** Well, to put that drawing in
22 perspective, the requirement that we had for the project
23 was to be ready and available to put tritium into the
24 stockpile by the year of 2005. In order to do that with
25 this overall program, which is what you see depicted on

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1 that picture, the entire CLWR program, a lot of activities
2 had to go in parallel.

3 So the project has started. Not physical
4 construction, but the design development of the project
5 has begun. Like I said, we're at thirty percent design on
6 the facility. In the meantime, the other avenues, as Max
7 indicated, the rod producer is -- those things are being
8 negotiated. The irradiation service is being negotiated.
9 All these activities are coming in parallel leading to a
10 '98 decision by the Secretary.

11 **MR. PARKER:** Are you telling me right now that you
12 don't have a manufacturer in line? The only thing you're
13 looking about is the effect of the facility, and you don't
14 have a clue of who the manufacturer is?

15 **MR. HICKMAN:** I wouldn't say we don't have a clue.
16 But we do not have a [inaudible] manufacturer determined
17 yet.

18 **MR. LAWSON:** Is there anyone else who hasn't spoken
19 yet who has a concern that they'd like to raise?

20 Yes, in the back row here.

21 **MS. THICKE:** Yes, my name is Paulette Thicke. And
22 I'm not an engineer, I'm an English major so this may be a
23 very elementary question. In the past, DuPont said that
24 they were doing such wonderful things in keeping Savannah
25 River Site very clean. So when they sold off to

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1 Westinghouse, then Westinghouse decided that there was a
2 terrible mess out there, and DuPont must somehow not have
3 been paying any attention or didn't tell the honest truth
4 to the locals. There have been other remarks in the paper
5 and such about cleanup at Savannah River Site.

6 My question is, with an additional effort, how will
7 that impact on the ability to clean up the past as well as
8 what is it going to do to the future? I'm not a native
9 South Carolinian, but I think it is a beautiful state.
10 And I would just hate to see it just give up and fall in
11 the water or glow in the dark or whatever is eventually
12 going to happen if we don't control all these very -- I
13 don't know what the word is, these -- all these different
14 things that can impact so highly, not only on the land and
15 the air, but on the people and the animals.

16 **MR. LAWSON:** Okay. That's a good two-part question.
17 The first really is, will this effort in any way stall or
18 inhibit the general cleanup that's going on or will be
19 going on at Savannah River.

20 And the second I suppose is, anything that's being
21 proposed here, would that contribute to more waste that
22 would have to be cleaned up in the future.

23 **MR. HICKMAN:** The answer to your first question is,
24 no. This -- the construction of this facility will in no
25 way impact the cleanup efforts that are going on because

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1 the Department of Energy that oversees this facility is
2 the national security's organization, and the department
3 that oversees the cleanup is an environmental management
4 organization. They are two separate, funded entities
5 within DOE. So, no, construction of this facility will
6 not impact the cleanup effort that's going on.

7 As far as contribution of this facility to releases
8 and the environmental impact, currently the plans for the
9 tritium facility, the national defense, the national
10 security effort is to shrink our footprint at Savannah
11 River. And in so doing, by constructing this extraction
12 facility we can close and shut down an existing extraction
13 facility, that is second generation tritium extraction
14 facility, doesn't have all the environment -- all the
15 engineering attributes that our facility will have in it,
16 which is modeled after the recycle/reloading facility that
17 was constructed and came on line in '95.

18 The releases of tritium as a result of this facility
19 going on line will be less than what currently is being
20 released due to the fact of those engineering safeguards
21 that we are building into this facility. So there will be
22 an environmental impact in the fact that you've got
23 another facility. But the overall impact of tritium
24 release will be less than what's currently being released.

25 **MS. THICKE:** The current one will go away?

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1 **MR. HICKMAN:** The current extraction facility will
2 eventually be shut down when we have a new extraction
3 facility on line, yes.
4 **MS. THICKE:** Okay.
5 **MR. LAWSON:** Does the new extraction facility, is
6 that necessary for the old one to be shut down?
7 **MR. HICKMAN:** No.
8 **MR. LAWSON:** So the old one will be shut down whether
9 you have the new one or not?
10 **MR. HICKMAN:** Eventually, yes.
11 **MR. LAWSON:** Okay.
12 **MR. LAWSON:** Anyone else who hasn't yet had a chance
13 to ask a question? Anybody else want to comment?
14 Sure, there is no hurry here.
15 Okay. If there are none, I want to thank you for
16 your time. Before you run off -- yes, sir?
17 **MR. NEWMAN:** One more. Can somebody send me the
18 first page or two of the NEPA law?
19 **MR. LAWSON:** Yes. I think we made a note to do that.
20 Hopefully, yes. We have person who has committed to do
21 that. Make sure you -- he has your address.
22 I just want to thank you all for your time. Before
23 you run off, just a couple of things. First of all, if
24 you have some other informal questions or want to follow
25 up in more detail on any questions, these people will stay

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1 -- will be around here for awhile. Please feel free to
2 stay and talk with them.
3 Also that blue evaluation sheet that I [inaudible],
4 you can hand that in. It could be mailed later but it
5 will cost you thirty-two cents or fifty-five cents or a
6 dollar one, depending on how many pieces of paper you send
7 at the same time. But anyway, if you want to hand those
8 in, that would be great, too.
9 Thank you all for coming and for your thoughtful
10 questions. Remember that comments one way or another can
11 still be sent in for another couple of weeks until the
12 22nd. I thank you and thank others who have tried to
13 answer the questions here. We appreciate it and remind
14 you that there's a meeting again at 6:00 tonight. You're
15 certainly welcome to come back and enjoy that crew and ask
16 any questions that you'd like at that time.
17 Any other comments?
18 Great. Thanks a lot.
19 [Meeting concluded at 2:13 p.m.]

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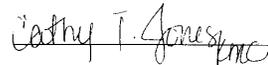
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PUBLIC BRIEFING FOR THE
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MR. LAWSON: We'll now take any comments or questions that you have, as Mike indicated. We have some hand-held mikes out there that if you would like to speak, just raise your hand, we'll bring the mike over so we can get a good recording. And if you would, just give us your name and affiliation, if you'd like, at the same time.

Are there any questions or comments that anyone would like to make? Or if anyone would like to make a comment?

MR. CHAPUT: I have a quick question.

MR. LAWSON: Name?

MR. CHAPUT: Yeah. Ernie Chaput, Economic Development Partnership. It was reported Secretary Pena might make the APT CLWR decision before he leaves at the end of June. What's the status on that?

MR. LAWSON: Mike, do you have any --

MR. HICKMAN: As far as I know, it's still just reported that he could make that decision before he leaves office.

MR. LAWSON: Any other comments? Questions? Certainly you have a question. We have the design team here so they can understand all of this. Members who are not directly involved, any questions?

Sir?

MR. SMITH: Yeah, I'll ask a question that may be of some interest here. I'm Bob Smith, I am with the TEF

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1 Project.

2 Mike, could you provide some clarification on what
3 are some of the potential targets that would go into TEF
4 if the no-action alternative were chosen and TEF became
5 part of the APT facility?

6 **MR. HICKMAN:** Assuming that the TEF were to go in to
7 APT, the assumption would be that commercial light water
8 irradiation would not be the preferred alternative.
9 Therefore, if we use that facility for extraction
10 purposes, those target rods would have to be -- would have
11 to come from somewhere else. There's an alternative --
12 alternate target, technology within APT that could be used
13 in the extraction facility.

14 There has been mention of other facilities that could
15 perform an irradiation service on rods like the FFTF out
16 of Hanford. So there are other places that tritium
17 sources could come from other than commercial light water
18 irradiator sources.

19 **MR. LAWSON:** Max?

20 **MR. CLAUSSEN:** I'm Max Claussen from the Department
21 of Energy.

22 The other source is that if in fact there were a
23 problem in the development design and deployment of the
24 accelerator, having a light water reactor as a backup
25 would afford us an opportunity to extract the Commercial

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1 Light Water Reactor irradiated targets in a facility which
2 would be the TEF -- APT target handling building so that
3 they could move forward with their design and construction
4 and deployment in a way that would allow them to put the
5 technology in place and preserve the ability to use the
6 Commercial Light Water Reactor as a backup.

7 They have done a study. They have looked at the
8 potential for using the APT target building for that
9 capability and there are some potential savings if it were
10 combined in that facility if, in fact, the facility is the
11 primary technology. So we probably -- the plan is just to
12 go ahead and be able to do the same sort of extraction we
13 do with modifications in the ultimate stream in order to
14 move the tritium as the accelerator folks would do to the
15 tritium recycling facility.

16 **MR. LAWSON:** Okay, thank you. Any other comments or
17 questions?

18 Yes, Bob, go ahead.

19 **MR. SMITH:** Bob Smith again with the project.

20 Are the environmental impacts more severe is you
21 combine those facilities, the TEF and the APT together as
22 opposed to having one of those two facilities up and
23 running?

24 **MR. HICKMAN:** John?

25 **MR. KNOX:** John Knox, DOE. I think there's a slight

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1 increase in the impact with the combination.

2 **MR. LAWSON:** In what regard? What kind of impacts?

3 **MR. KNOX:** I would have to do a little digging in the
4 EIS, because I don't remember the specifics.

5 **MR. LAWSON:** Okay.

6 **MR. HICKMAN:** That is pretty well outlined in our EIS
7 or that combination. And the differences between the
8 baseline for APT and plus TEF, the TEF are included.

9 **MR. LAWSON:** Anyone else?

10 Okay. If there are no other comments or questions,
11 you're certainly welcome to stay around. If you haven't
12 already seen the display, is this program set up over
13 here?

14 **MR. HICKMAN:** Yes, sir.

15 **MR. LAWSON:** It's a display of the inward workings of
16 the -- inner workings of the -- of the extraction facility
17 available on the monitor over there. There's a display,
18 assuming either the gentleman or ladies that are here who
19 work on the project would be willing to answer any
20 questions that you may have.

21 Also for those of you, whether you work at the Site
22 or not, if you have comments that you would like to
23 submit, I remind you that have a variety of ways to do it
24 and just have it in by June 22nd, if you would.

25 I thank you very much for taking your time to come.

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1 **MS. JERNIGAN:** The evaluation form?

2 **MR. LAWSON:** Pardon? You are real serious about
3 that. I haven't filled mine out yet.

4 So please take an extra minute to fill those in and
5 deposit them as you leave. Any other questions or
6 comments?

7 Okay. Thanks for your time. We appreciate it very
8 much. And please stick around if you'd like.

9 [Meeting concluded at 6:40 p.m.]

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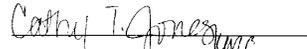
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**Statement on Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Construction and Operation of a Tritium Extraction Facility
by
Economic Development Partnership
June 9, 1998**

Good Afternoon. My name is Fred Humes and I am the Director of the Economic Development Partnership of Aiken and Edgefield Counties, South Carolina. The Partnership is a non-profit organization sponsored by the two counties for the purpose of attracting capital investment and fostering job creation in our two county region. A portion of the Savannah River Site is located in Aiken County. The Site is the single largest employer in the two county region, and a vital part of our economic base. I am pleased to have this opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction and Operation of a Tritium Extraction Facility at the Savannah River Site.

Before providing specific comments, I would like to make a few background statements which will, hopefully, put my comments in the proper context.

First and foremost, this community is proud of the unique role that Savannah River has enjoyed as the nation's only supplier of tritium for our nuclear weapons stockpile and the pivotal role that OUR site played in the winning of the cold war. This area - indeed the entire state of South Carolina - has a long and rich heritage in supporting programs integral to our nation's defense.

Secondly, the Department of Energy has a friend in South Carolina. The level of community support for SRS activities is as real as it is legendary - support based on an appreciation that the intellectual and physical talents at the SRS are technically competent and committed to the safe conduct of all site activities. Tritium activities enjoy a particularly warm spot in this relationship.

While I fully support the National need to construct and operate a new infrastructure for the production of Tritium, I have serious reservations about the concept of producing tritium for military purposes in commercial nuclear reactors. We have repeatedly expressed the view that such a course of action

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is DISTURBING to a large number of our citizens, and will totally undermine our nation's international non-proliferation initiatives.

The recent action by the House National Security Committee in the FY 1999 Authorization legislation to preclude the production of tritium in US commercial nuclear power reactors was based on many of these same concerns. If the full Congress adopts the House language, then the Tritium Extraction Facility may not be needed.

If instead, Congressional action supports continuation of the current "dual track" program for tritium production, which includes construction of the TEF, then I offer the following comments on your draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Foreign governments will continue to accuse the United States of duplicity so long as we ask them to restrain from using their civilian nuclear programs as a springboard for producing nuclear weapons while, at the same time, we are taking actions to co-mingle our civilian and military nuclear programs. The community of nations has taken military actions, pledged many billions of dollars and placed intense pressure on nuclear weapons- capable states to dissuade them from developing nuclear weapons. Against all reason, the United States is now proposing to retreat from this moral high ground with the ill-conceived program to produce tritium for nuclear weapons in commercial nuclear power reactors. We believe that if this program is embraced, domestic and international opinion will eventually doom this program to failure - the right result but only after losing valuable time and thereby potentially jeopardizing the tritium supplies which are vitally needed for our nations defense.

I contend that your draft Environmental Impact Statement is deficient, and does not meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act for evaluating all environmental impacts resulting from the proposed Federal action. Specifically, the draft EIS does not address the environmental impacts which will result from a change in United States policy in the production of tritium in commercial reactors. The greater likelihood is that additional foreign powers will more aggressively pursue nuclear weapons programs to produce, test and possibly even use nuclear weapons. These activities will affect the environment in the United States as well as the global environment. Because other nations' policies will result from the programmatic action to

construct a Tritium Extraction Facility to recover tritium produced in commercial nuclear power reactors for use in military weapons, the resultant impacts and analysis are required to be included in this EIS. The United States nuclear weapons research, production and testing program was subject to the provisions of NEPA, and extensive environmental documentation was required. This action will similarly cause increased nuclear weapons development and testing activity, with similar environmental impacts. Failure to analyze these impacts will violate the spirit if not the letter of NEPA.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment on this draft EIS.

If you have other questions or know of additional stakeholders who should be consulted, please list them, and we will mail a response to any questions you may have to you as soon as possible.

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Questions/Comments:

Has the site Emergency Plan and H-Area Plan been considered
for impact by adding additional facilities? The Cobalt
does not appear to be addressed for exposure and release.

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Dear Mr. Grainger:

This responds to your letter dated April 30, 1998. The Department of the Interior has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction and Operation of a Tritium Extraction Facility at the Savannah River Site in Aiken, SC. We have no comments to offer.

Sincerely,

James H. Lee
Regional Environmental Officer

CC: OEPC, WASO



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Dear Mr. Grainger:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), regarding the proposed Tritium Extraction Facility at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, near Aiken, South Carolina. The DEIS (DOE/EIS-0271) was transmitted by letter dated April 30, 1998.

We find the document to be well written and adequate with regard to the assessment of impacts on living marine and anadromous fishery resources under the purview of NMFS.

These comments do not satisfy your consultation responsibilities under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. If any activity(ies) "may affect" listed species and habitats under NMFS purview, consultation should be initiated with our Protected Resources Division at the letterhead address. Please direct other questions or comments related to marine and anadromous fishery resources to the attention of Mr. Prescott Brownell at our Charleston Area Office. He may be reached at 219 Fort Johnson Road, Charleston, South Carolina 29412-9110, or at (843) 762-8591.

Sincerely,

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Project Name: Construction and Operation of a Tritium Extraction Facility at the Savannah River Site Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DOE-EIS-0271)

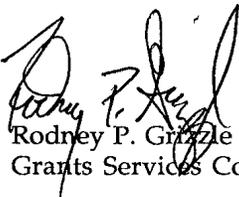
Project Number: EIS-980404-005

Dear Mr. Grainger,

The Office of State Budget, has conducted an intergovernmental review on the above referenced activity as provided by Presidential Executive Order 12372. All comments received as a result of the review are enclosed for your use.

The State Application Identifier number indicated above should be used in any future correspondence with this office. If you have any questions call me at (803) 734-0485.

Sincerely,


Rodney P. Grizzle
Grants Services Coordinator

Enclosures

Fax: (803) 734-0645

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Office of State Budget

South Carolina Project Notification and Review

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Suspense Date 6/9/98

Beth McClure
S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism

The Office of State Budget is authorized to operate the South Carolina Project Notification and Review System (SCPNRS). Through the system the appropriate state and local officials are given the opportunity to review, comment, and be involved in efforts to obtain and use federal assistance, and to assess the relationship of proposals to their plans and programs.

Please review the attached information, mindful of the impact it may have on your agency's goals and objectives. Document the results of your review in the space provided. Return your response to us by the suspense date indicated above. Your comments will be reviewed and utilized in making the official state recommendation concerning the project. The recommendation will be forwarded to the cognizant federal agency.

Should you have no comment, please return the form signed and dated.

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Rodney Grizzle

- Project is consistent with our goals and objectives.
- Request a conference to discuss comments.
- Please discontinue sending projects with this CFDA# to our office for review.
- Comments on proposed Application are as follows:

No comments.

Signature: <u>Tony L. Bebb</u> <u>Tony L. Bebb</u>	Date: <u>5/21/98</u>
Title: <u>Planning Manager</u>	Phone: <u>803/734-0189</u>