

May 2, 2001

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SUBJECT: SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE MIXED OXIDE FUEL FABRICATION
FACILITY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Dear Dr. Kelly:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff received your letter, dated April 10, 2001, regarding our scoping process for the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility (FFF). In your letter you requested that we hold a public scoping meeting in Columbia, SC. Such a meeting would be in addition to those held in North Augusta, SC, on April 17, and Savannah, GA, on April 18; and the scheduled meeting in Charlotte, NC, on May 8. Your request was based on your concern about possible impacts on the Columbia area from potential accidents at the proposed MOX FFF. You also suggested that South Carolina residents would be better informed about the proposed MOX FFF by having a scoping meeting in Columbia. On this latter point I note that the NRC staff held an information meeting in Columbia last July regarding the proposed MOX FFF.

The North Augusta, SC, and Savannah, GA, scoping meeting locations were chosen to allow public input from individuals living near the proposed MOX FFF, or downstream of the facility. In response to earlier requests to hold additional scoping meetings, we added a meeting in Charlotte, NC. We believe that by holding meetings in these three locations, North Augusta, Savannah, and Charlotte, we should obtain sufficiently broad public input from the people who would be most affected if the MOX FFF is constructed and operated. Therefore, no additional scoping meeting is planned for Columbia, SC.

As part of the scoping process on the EIS for the proposed MOX FFF, we will be accepting written comments until May 21, 2001. We welcome your comments.

Dr. M. Kelly

If you have any further questions, please contact Charlotte Abrams of my staff, at (301) 415-7293.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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