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Dear Mr. Nelson:

This is in response to your letter dated August 8, 1991, requesting our comments on the Draft Final RCRA Facility Investigation Report: Units 5, 10, 16, and 17. These comments are provided in accordance with the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 661-667d), and Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543).

At the present time, staffing limitations prevent us from making specific contaminant comments. However, we are prepared to make general comments and to express our endangered species.

Kate Looney of this office attended the meeting on July 30, 1991, during which the participants made site visits to all locations. Based on the information provided and the site visit, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) believes that no wetlands have been impacted by the installation of the monitoring wells and will not be impacted by future installation of the wells. In regards to wetlands impacted by groundwater contamination down gradient of the sites, we must wait for the results of further investigations.

Thus far, the Service believes the investigations conducted have been solely evaluated in regard to human health. We are aware of the study being conducted by North Carolina State University of Slocum Creek, but we recommend that the potential impacts to wildlife should be addressed and included in the Final RCRA Facility Investigation Report of these sites and all future such investigative reports.

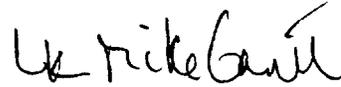
The attached page identifies the Federally-listed endangered (E), potentially threatened (PT) and candidate (C) species which may occur in the area of influence of these actions. From this list, it is obvious that there are species of special concern in the

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area that could potentially be impacted by contaminated ground water, surface water and sediments.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments and look forward to continuing to be involved with these projects.

Sincerely yours,

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L.K. Mike Gantt  
Supervisor

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Craven County

Bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus) - E  
Red cockaded woodpecker (Picoides borealis) - E  
Sensitive joint-vetch (Aeschynomene virginica) - PT

There are species which, although not now listed or officially proposed for listing as endangered or threatened, are under status review by the Fish and Wildlife Service. These "Candidate" (C) species are not legally protected under the Act, and are not subject to any of its provisions, including Section 7, until they are formally proposed or listed as threatened or endangered. We are providing the below list of candidate of species which may occur within the project area for the purpose of giving you advance notification. These species may be listed in the future, at which time they will be protected under the Act. In the meantime, we would appreciate anything you might do for them.

Bachman's sparrow (Aimophila aestivalis) - C  
Loose watermilfoil (Myriophyllum laxum) - C  
Wagner's spleenwort (Asplenium heteroresiliens) - C  
Chapman's sedge (Carex chapmanii) - C  
Godfrey's sandwort (Minuartia godfreyi) - C  
Spring-flowering goldenrod (Solidago verna) - C