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October 3, 2006

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Dear Ms. Sullins:

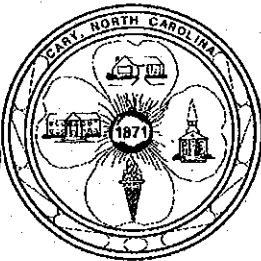
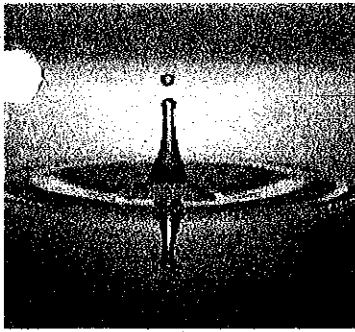
We appreciate the prompt response in your letter of October 2, 2006, to the additional information the Project Partners submitted on June 15, 2006.

First, we want to reiterate that we have been and will continue to be committed to providing exactly what the Division requests to complete the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). We sincerely apologize for unintentionally not following the Division's prescribed methodology for analyzing Environmental Justice demographics. As we have discussed with Construction Grants and Loans (CGL) staff, our consultants mistakenly misinterpreted the direction from CGL not to apply any weighting to the analysis. Fortunately, this is a straightforward calculation and we are working on applying the prescribed methodology, as we now understand it, to the 12 sites in Table 5-6 of the PER and Site 30.

Second, we continue to believe that the WRF site selection process resulted in a site that, with appropriate mitigation for any adverse impacts to the neighboring community, is the best site for the WRF.

While we strongly agree that Environmental Justice should be considered as part of the project's impact analysis, we have concerns about quantitatively including Environmental Justice demographics in a site ranking process without first discussing potential impacts from a WRF - both favorable and adverse - and ways to mitigate adverse impacts.

We are pleased that the DEIS, along with the additional information submitted, addresses all but two of the issues that have been raised throughout the process, and look forward to working with you to address



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the site selection and Environmental Justice issues. We will likely have questions for you as we develop the information you have requested and will communicate those to Dan Blaisdell. In addition, we would like to meet with you following the first step of the calculations to discuss the results and any further questions that may arise.

Sincerely,



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