



Pine Hill Indian Tribe
The First People of Fort Jackson, South Carolina

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Re: Westinghouse Electric Company's Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility
Hopkins, SC

Dear USNRC and SHPO Representatives,

In light of recent earthquake activity in the Elgin/Lugoff/Columbia areas of South Carolina, I was compelled to review the draft EIS for the Westinghouse project as it might relate to earthquakes. As of today, I believe there have been 28 earthquakes in South Carolina in 2022, several of which are in the identified areas and of which five occurred just yesterday. It has been reported to expect aftershocks in these areas.

In reviewing the draft EIS, I failed to find anything relating to an Earthquake Preparedness and Response Plan. Considering the report of expected continued earthquake activity in this area, what is this plan in the event of structural damage by earthquake activity? Are there any protocols in place to quality check the plant after a reported earthquake or aftershock nearby? In the event an earthquake or aftershock does cause damage significant enough to create a new leak, how is the public going to be notified? Will this information be included in the final EIS?

We continue to reject any renewal of the Westinghouse permit and renew this position herein. We have a Pine Hill Health Network Community Health Worker who lives in the area

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reporting that the constant earthquake activity in the area is slowly causing long term damage to the structure of her home. Obviously, we are concerned that repeated activity will cause the same slow long term damage at Westinghouse and surrounding facilities. As earthquakes are, to the best of our lay knowledge, unpredictable, we do understand that structural damage could be detrimental in a setting such as Westinghouse.

Please advise.

Respectfully,

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