

Subject: FEIS Comment #2

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Dear Mr. Wicker,

I am writing in reference to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Western Wake Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility.

I take exception to parts of the following responses contained in App_A12d_CommentResponses.pdf. These are responses to comments made during the NEPA DEIS comment period.

Response II.51: How the Partners identified the proposed project is not pertinent to the USACE EIS analysis.

Throughout the FEIS, it is repeatedly stated that the NEPA process will include SEPA requirements. It is also repeatedly stated that many of our comments were applicable to the SEPA process and therefore “not pertinent to the USACE EIS analysis.” You can’t have it both ways. Does this FEIS cover SEPA and NEPA or doesn’t it?

Response III.4: The USACE does not have authority over how the Partners chose their proposed project.

Well then who does? Can any government agency do what they want without any restrictions? What if the preferred site was located next to the Green Level Historic District and it could be permitted? Would that be allowed? Of course I doubt Cary would do that to THEIR Green Level Historic District but it is OK to put a sewage plant next to the New Hill Historic District which is not part of any of the WWP ETJ.

Response III.74: Site 14 is the only proposed WRF site that is located adjacent to the New Hill Historic District and its churches, and Section 4 describes the impacts on the historic district.... It goes on to state, “If the USACE and the NCDWQ choose to issue permits/approvals for the WRF on Site 14, the conditions listed above will be considered when developing conditions for the 404 permit and 401 water quality certification. What comfort is there in “will be considered”? It should have stated, “will be implemented”?

Included in this response, the State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Cultural Resources clearly outlined a number of conditions that “had to be met” so the New Hill Historic District would not be impacted. This is just another in a long line of lip service being given by the WWP to try and make an issue go away for now.

Response IV.1: A review of public documents regarding the expansion of Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant indicates that no houses will be impacted along New Hill-Holleman Road.

I know this to be false. There is at least one home whose driveway will be flooded by the raising of the Harris Lake level. When the driveway is flooded, they can't get to their home which definitely affects their home.

Based on the responses given, the NEPA FEIS is incomplete, inaccurate, and inadequate. At a minimum Site 14 must be rejected as it is the WRONG site and replaced with one of the alternatives already deemed acceptable by USACE.

Sincerely,

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