

Memorandum

To: South Carolina/Georgia Subcommittee

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From: Dean Moss, Subcommittee Chair

Subj: Content of Committee Report to Governor Re SC/Ga Matters

Date: October 17, 2003

1. As a way to initiate and hopefully focus discussion at our next meeting, I suggest that we attempt to agree on the format of the report we will request the full committee to adopt and send forward to the Governor. In order to stimulate your thinking I offer the following outline. The report to the governor might contain:

- I. An assertion that a binding agreement is needed with Georgia and the Federal Government and the reasons therefore. Also, an assertion that time is of the essence and that sooner is better than later.
- II. A suggestion as to the matters that the agreement should encompass, ie: allocation of available surface water supply, allocation of groundwater supply, allocation of assimilative capacity in Savannah River, an administrative process to deal with coordination of planning, coordination of permitting, enforcement, management of reservoirs, etc and including some discussion as the role of existing State agencies and regulatory programs.
- III. A suggestion as to the form that the agreement should take, ie: Compact or some other form or approach.
- IV. A suggestion as to the data that needs to be collected before the matters addressed in #II above can be decided.
- V. A suggested process for initiating and negotiating such an agreement.

2. If we can agree on such a general outline it will greatly aid us in the conduct of our future meetings. There is no pride of authorship on this outline and I would encourage a spirited discussion on this matter when we have our next conference call which I hope will be early next week.