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DOE has provided the predecisional draft EA to South Carolina and Georgia and requested any comments be submitted within a standard 30-day review period.

Need more information?

If you wish to receive a copy of the draft EA, contact:

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