

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT
MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2006

SUBJECT: A Resolution in Support of Bringing the Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant into Compliance with Federal Fire Safety Regulations

DEPARTMENT: MANAGER’S OFFICE	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: A – Resolution B – Letter from Pete MacDowell of NCWARN C – Email response from Marty Clayton of Progress Energy	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Drew Cummings (918-7314)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Aldermen to consider passing a resolution supporting a legal action (regarding violations of federal fire safety regulations) which was filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) by NC WARN, the Union of Concerned Scientists, the Nuclear Information and Research Service, NC Fair Share, and Surge on September 20, 2006.

INFORMATION

The group of organizations listed above filed the described legal action with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and have requested “emergency enforcement action” to force correction of the fire safety violations and shut down the Shearon Harris nuclear plant until said violations are corrected. Progress Energy’s Community Relations Manager has responded via email that fire safety precautions at Shearon Harris are “adequate,” though Ms./Mr. Clayton did not address the question of whether these precautions, such as they are, violate federal regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT

No direct fiscal impact for the Town. . .

RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that the Board consider passing the attached resolution.