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September 28, 2024

Mr. William J. Brown, P.E., Regional Engineer
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
3700 Crestwood Parkway, Suite 950
Duluth, GA 30096

Subject: Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.
Saluda Hydroelectric Project; FERC Project No. 516 – SC
Public Safety Incident Report

Dear Mr. Brown:

Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC") hereby reports the following public safety related incident that occurred at the Saluda Hydroelectric Project. The FERC Public Safety Database form for the incident is enclosed along with local media coverage of the incident. The incident was not related to project operation but did involve a Project structure (Saluda Original Dam Embankment).

The incident occurred about 1:00 AM on September 11, 2024, when Darius Dendy, 34, was involved in a single vehicle accident that resulted in he and his car entering Lake Murray near the Saluda Dam along SC Highway 6. The victim's body and vehicle were recovered from Lake Murray on September 13, 2024 after a pedestrian spotted the body in the lake that morning. The incident was initially reported to Mr. Shae Hoschek of your office by e-mail on September 13, 2024. There was no damage to any project structures other than minor tire tracks on the grass slope above the northbound lanes of SC Hwy. 6.

Should you have questions about this report, please contact the undersigned at (803) 217-7322 or raymond.ammarell@dominionenergy.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raymond R. Ammarell".

Raymond R. Ammarell, P.E., Manager
Dam Safety and Hydro Compliance
Chief Dam Safety Engineer (South Carolina)

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Enclosures

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Public Safety Database

1. Project Number-State 516 - SC
2. Name of Project Saluda Hydroelectric Project
Name of Development Saluda
3. Licensee or Exemptee Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.
4. River or Stream Saluda River
5. Date of Incident 09/11/2024 Time of Incident 1:00 a.m.
6. Licensee Report Dates: Verbal 09/13/2024 Written 09/28/2024
7. Description of Incident (20 words or less): Male aged 34 drove off of SC Hwy. 6 at high speed and into Lake Murray at the Saluda Project.
8. Location of Incident (check one):
Reservoir or Upstream Tailrace Intake
Downstream Canal Conduit
Penstock Powerhouse Substation
Spillway or Dam Project Land
Other (describe) _____
9. Number of people involved in incident 1
Injured 0 Fatalities 1 No injury or fatality 0
10. Type of Activity (check one):
Boating Swimming Auto/Vehicle
Fall Inspection/Maintenance Bank Fishing
Boat Fishing Suicide Natural Causes
Homicide Construction Unknown
Other (describe) _____
11. Result from Incident: Drowning Electrocuting

This Form Prepared by: Raymond R. Ammarell, P.E. September 28, 2024
(Name) (Date)

Manager - Dam Safety
(Title)

Phone No. (803) 217-7322



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Man found floating in Lake Murray identified, coroner says. He was involved in a car crash

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The [Lexington County Coroner's Office](#) has identified a man whose body was found in Lake Murray.

Deputies with the [Lexington County Sheriff's Department](#) began a death investigation after a body was found floating in Lake Murray near the dam near Irmo about 10 a.m. Friday. According to the sheriff, crime scene investigators and major crimes detectives were involved.

Lexington County Coroner Margaret Fisher identified the person as Darius Marshe Dendy, 34, of Columbia. Fisher did not say how Dendy died.

Further investigation revealed that Dendy had been involved in a car crash on Wednesday. His car was found in Lake Murray and later retrieved.

By Friday afternoon, the sheriff's department handed over the investigation to the [South Carolina Highway Patrol](#).

The incident remains under investigation by the coroner's office and the highway patrol.



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Lexington County officials find body, car in Lake Murray linked to crash from days ago

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└ Dodge Charger pulled from Lake Murray
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LEXINGTON COUNTY, S.C. (WIS) - Lexington County officials found a body and a car in Lake Murray linked to a crash from Wednesday.

The county sheriff's department responded near the Lake Murray dam on Friday at around 9:30 a.m. after a report that there was a body floating in the water. Their dive team pulled the body from the water shortly after near "the midpoint of the lake between Irmo and Lexington sides of the bridge," according to the sheriff's department.

Hours later, a Dodge Charger with severe damage was also pulled from the water. Tracks were seen along the side of the road and part of the guardrail was damaged.

The Lexington County Coroner's Office identified the body on Friday afternoon as Darius Marche Dendy, 34, from Columbia. He was involved in a crash that happened sometime on Sept. 11, the coroner's office said.

A news release from S.C. Highway Patrol said the crash happened at around 1 a.m. on Wednesday on North Lake Drive. Troopers believe Dendy's vehicle, a 2022 Dodge Charger, was the only vehicle involved and he was the only person in the vehicle.

The crash happened after the Dodge Charger ran off the side of the road to the left and turned into Lake Murray, according to the news release.

The crash is being investigated by the coroner's office and the S.C. Highway Patrol.

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LOCAL NEWS

Lexington County coroner identifies body found in Lake Murray

Authorities now believe the deceased was involved in a crash on Wednesday.

Author: Christopher Buchanan

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LEXINGTON COUNTY, S.C. — The [Lexington County Coroner's Office](#) has identified a man whose body was found in Lake Murray Friday following what authorities confirm was a vehicle crash days earlier.

According to a [Lexington County Sheriff's Department](#) spokesperson, a body was found floating in the lake near the dam around 9:30 a.m. on Friday. Authorities said the body has since been recovered.

Corporal Nick Pye with the [South Carolina Highway Patrol](#), which is now investigating the death as the result of a crash, said it happened on Sept. 11 around 1 a.m. on North Lake Drive near Lake Murray Boulevard. Pye said authorities didn't know about the crash until a 2022 Dodge Charger vehicle was discovered on Friday. Video from the scene showed the car being removed using a crane in the following hours.

Based on what investigators have uncovered, authorities believe the Charger was heading west on North Lake Drive when it left the road to the left and overturned into Lake Murray.

In a later update, Coroner Margaret Fisher identified the deceased as 34-year-old Darius Marshe Dendy of Columbia. Dendy's body was recovered from the water around 9:50 a.m. on Friday.