

Enclosure Six

Aquatic Plant Control

Identified Issues: Aquatic plant growth is a topic of concern in numerous reservoirs of the Southeast. Many states have undertaken active programs to remove and control several exotic plant species, which if left unmonitored, can render waterbodies inaccessible.

The three Federal reservoirs have aquatic plant control programs in place. However, instream measures to reduce the amount of aquatic growth in the reaches of the Savannah River below J. Strom Thurmond need to be identified and actions proposed to regulate growth.

Alternative Plans and Evaluations: Feasibility studies should include surveys of the Savannah River reaches to determine which areas contain excessive aquatic plant growth. These areas can then be targeted for aquatic plant control measures, such as biological control(e.g: triploi carp), physical removal, and chemical application. Another control measure would be prevention through education, such as implementing best management practices at industrial/municipal facilities and at cleaning stations at public boat launches.