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**New Aerial Photos of Trifecta of Failed Nuclear Projects Released: DOE's Terminated Plutonium Fuel (MOX) Project at SRS, SCE&G's VC Summer and Georgia Power's Vogtle Reactor Construction**

**Photos ©High Flyer of Bungled MOX Project at SRS Reveal Termination Activities Proceeding;  
At VC Summer, Costly Equipment still Abandoned in Place, Massive Crane still Standing**

***The Sad Question Begs: Why is South Carolina Home to the Two Largest and Costliest Terminated Nuclear Construction Projects in the United States?***

Columbia, SC – New aerial photos by pilot High Flyer of the nation's costly and bungled nuclear construction projects are being released by Savannah River Site Watch.

Of primary importance, the photos – linked in “notes” below - reveal details at the Department of Energy's terminated plutonium fuel (MOX) project at the Savannah River Site (SRS) near Aiken, SC and the canceled SCE&G/Dominion V.C. Summer AP100 reactor construction project near Jenkinsville, SC. The photos, taken on December 16, 2018, are being released in the public interest and can be used for free with proper credit (©High Flyer – see copyright statement at each photo section).

Also released are photos of Georgia Power's bungled Vogtle nuclear reactor construction near Waynesboro, GA (and just across the Savannah River from SRS), the leaking Westinghouse uranium fuel fabrication facility near Columbia, SC and a large solar facility near Pelion, SC.

Concerning photos of DOE's \$17 billion MOX construction boondoggle, which continues to undergo termination procedures, the following things can be seen (best to compare earlier photos released by SRS Watch):

1. Temporary Construction Openings (TCOs), as anticipated, are being closed. Closure of the TCOs will likely protect the abandoned facility from weather and entry by birds.

2. The Gabion security wall - exterior, second wall - remains uncompleted. Completing this can't be constructed as a MOX termination activity but if the facility is converted to other use it might be complete.

3. The additional layer needed on the roof remains uncompleted, it seems.
4. Apart from the large fixed yellow crane, all construction cranes have been removed from the site.
5. The electrical switching building (and piping junction area?) - just to the lower right in front of the building (south side) - has not been completed. Since earlier photos, a large dark - covered? - area to the left (west) of the building foundation has appeared.

The VC Summer photos confirm no site activity, reactor containment and associated turbine buildings open to the weather, steam generators abandoned on the ground in front of modular assembly building. The large crane (heavy lift derrick) sits on its circular track, likely as no buyer is available to move the heavy crane off the site. The photos also include goods shots of the operating [VC Summer 1 unit](#) operating pressurized water reactor (PWR), located on Lake Monticello, that provides water that cools the closed reactor loop that generates steam, with discharge into the Broad River north of Columbia, SC

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**Notes:**

**MOX, VC Summer, Vogtle, Westinghouse fuel plant, solar facility photos, December 16, 2018:**

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**MOX facility, April 25, 2018:**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Kvcz5DmQAuzbcidRfQohBJ75yQbXCSNy>

**VC Summer photos, April 25, 2018:**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uw-5GBQdlmkMO-GW7t5RK0S8gWYE7XxG>

**A host of photos back to 2013 of MOX, VC Summer and Vogtle:**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0BwkyYyn8X-ySeXVxQWF4a2F5ejA>

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