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This looks to be a good thing...

Associated Press: Regional group wants into SC lawsuit over nuke fuel project
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An economic development group is seeking to be part of South Carolina's lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Energy for the agency's failure to meet a Jan. 1 nuclear fuel deadline. South Carolina Alliance filed papers in federal court Thursday seeking to intervene. The group is a nonprofit that represents impoverished areas near the Savannah River Site and says it will be affected financially if the mixed-oxide project is completed or not. The plant - which is behind schedule and billions over its original budget - is intended to turn weapons-grade plutonium into commercial nuclear reactor fuel. It's intended to help the United States fulfill an agreement with Russia to dispose of at least 34 metric tons apiece of weapons-grade plutonium, an amount of materials government officials say is enough for about 17,000 nuclear warheads. Since the plant isn't operating, by law the federal government was supposed to remove 1 metric ton of plutonium from South Carolina by Jan. 1 or pay \$1 million a day for "economic and impact assistance," up to \$100 million yearly, until either the facility meets production goals or the plutonium is taken out of state for storage or disposal elsewhere.

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