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NRC FINDS NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FROM EXTENDED OPERATION OF SURRY AND NORTH ANNA NUCLEAR PLANTS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued its final environmental impact statements on the proposed renewal of the operating licenses of the Surry and North Anna nuclear power plants. In the reports, the NRC staff found that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for the plants are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy planning decision makers would be unreasonable.

The current operating licenses for Surry, Units 1 and 2, located 17 miles northwest of Newport News, Virginia, in Surry County, will expire on May 25, 2012, and January 29, 2013, respectively.

The current operating licenses for North Anna, Units 1 and 2, located 40 miles northwest of Richmond, Virginia, in Louisa County, will expire on April 1, 2018, and August 21, 2020, respectively.

Dominion Generation submitted its application for license renewal of the Surry and North Anna plants on May 29, 2001.

As part of its environmental review of the applications, the NRC held public meetings near both plants concerning the scope of the review and a draft version of the environmental impact statement for each plant. Comments were received from members of the public, local officials and representatives of other agencies.

The reports are available electronically on the NRC web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). Help in using ADAMS is available by contacting the NRC Public Document Room staff at 301/415-4737 or 1/800/397-4209, or by sending a message to pdr@nrc.gov via e-mail. The reports also are available for public inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

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