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NRC to Review North Anna Subsequent License Renewal Report; Seeks Public Input on Environmental Issues

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public comment on the scope of its supplemental environmental impact statement concerning an application for a second renewal of operating licenses for the North Anna nuclear power plant in Virginia. The staff's additional analysis is prompted by a supplemental environmental report received from Dominion Generation. The NRC is seeking comment until Dec. 15 regarding the appropriate scope of its supplement to the existing draft EIS for North Anna.

Dominion's report, submitted Sept. 29, came following several related Commission decisions, one of which concluded that the generic EIS on license renewal did not analyze the environmental impacts of a subsequent license renewal term. A separate Commission decision provided an option for license holders, including Dominion, to provide additional environmental information on a site-specific basis, instead of waiting for the NRC staff to revise the generic EIS and complete a related rulemaking. The NRC staff has determined it is appropriate to subject Dominion's report to a detailed technical review. The staff also has added the report to the North Anna review's existing Docket ID NRC-2020-0234. The staff intends to examine environmental issues previously considered generic for license renewal, as well as new information for North Anna site-specific issues. The staff is interested in public comments on the scope of the environmental review. Based on the Commission's decisions, the NRC will issue an opportunity to request a hearing on the environmental review once the staff has produced a draft supplement to the environmental impact statement.

The public can submit comments via email at NorthAnnaEnvironmental@nrc.gov, or via regulations.gov using the Docket ID above. Comments may also be submitted via U.S. Mail at Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

A copy of Dominion's subsequent license renewal report supplement will be available at the Louisa County Library, 881 Davis Highway in Mineral, Virginia. The licenses for the North Anna reactors, located 40 miles northwest of Richmond, Virginia, currently allow Unit 1 to operate through April 1, 2038, and Unit 2 through Aug. 21, 2040. Information about the North Anna subsequent license renewal review is available on the NRC website.