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#### REVISED CRITERIA FOR POST ACCIDENT SAMPLING SYSTEMS

Virginia Power appreciates the opportunity to comment on the NRC's consideration of modifying the criteria for post accident sampling systems (PASS). Notice of the proposed modification was published in the Federal Register (Vol. 64, No. 226) on Wednesday, November 24, 1999, pages 66213-66214.

Virginia Power endorses the comments submitted by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on this issue.

Also, please reference the letter submitted by the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Health, signed by Leslie P. Foldesi, Director, Radiological Health, on December 17, 1999. This letter addresses the NRC's particular interest in comments from offsite emergency response organizations on whether the elimination of information obtained from radionuclide sampling from PASS may affect ability to respond to an accident. The letter states that "elimination of PASS would not have an adverse effect on the off-site emergency response organization's ability to respond to either the plume phase or the recovery phase of a power reactor accident."

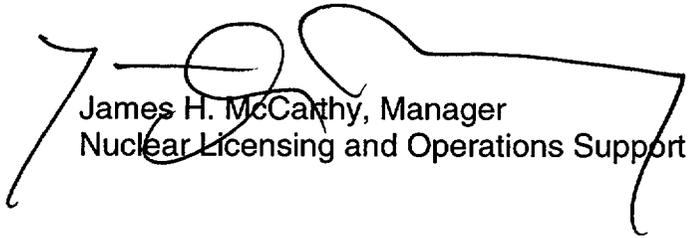
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