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NRC STAFF PROPOSES \$50,000 FINE AGAINST VIRGINIA POWER
FOR ALLEGED VIOLATION OF NRC REQUIREMENTS AT SURRY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has proposed a \$50,000 civil penalty against Virginia Electric and Power Company for alleged violation of NRC requirements at the Surry nuclear power plant operated by the company near Surry, Virginia.

The NRC said the civil penalty was being proposed because the plant staff discovered and reported to the NRC on May 11, 1992, that Unit 1 at the two-unit plant had been operating from May 1 until May 11 for various periods of time with some of the unit's safety injection pumps improperly configured. The agency said the problem was caused by the inadequate development, review and implementation of a procedure change. During certain postulated abnormal operations, the configuration or "lineup" of the pumps would have resulted in the absence of a pump which would automatically start if needed.

The NRC acknowledged that the company took immediate corrective action when the problem was identified.

The company has 30 days in which to either pay the civil penalty or to protest it, in whole or in part.

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