

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Gentlemen:

**VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY**  
**SURRY POWER STATION UNITS 1 AND 2**  
**SCHEDULE FOR RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,**  
**REVISED PROPOSED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGE AND**  
**GL 99-02 RESPONSE CLARIFICATION ON**  
**LABORATORY TESTING OF NUCLEAR-GRADE ACTIVATED CHARCOAL**

On June 3, 1999, the NRC issued Generic Letter (GL) 99-02 documenting the staff's position that testing of new and used charcoal should be performed using ASTM D3803-1989. The GL required this testing to start 60 days after issuance of the GL. In addition, the GL requested a 180-day response committing to test charcoal using ASTM D3803-1989 and, if necessary, submittal of a Technical Specification (TS) amendment request reflecting the ASTM D3803-1989 protocol.

In a November 29, 1999 letter (Serial No. 99-339A), Virginia Electric and Power Company provided the 180-day response to GL 99-02 and submitted a TS Amendment request to address the GL. Consistent with the interim actions outlined in our 60-day response (Serial No. 99-339, dated July 28, 1999), the proposed TS change reflected charcoal testing using ASTM D3803-1989, as well as an additional and separate test to confirm elemental iodine removal capabilities. Subsequently, the NRC requested additional information in a June 13, 2000 telephone call. In response to the NRC request and after further discussion, our GL 99-02 response is being clarified and the previously transmitted proposed Technical Specifications are being revised. The response to the Request for Additional Information (RAI), GL 99-02 Clarification, and the revised Technical Specification request are scheduled to be transmitted to you by December 8, 2000.

If you have any further questions or require additional information, please contact us.

Very truly yours,



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Commitments contained in this letter: The response to the Request for Additional Information (RAI), GL 99-02 Clarification, and the revised Technical Specification request are scheduled to be transmitted to the NRC by December 8, 2000.

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