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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF THE SURRY INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL
STORAGE INSTALLATION LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
(TAC NO. L23455)

Dear Mr. Christian:

On April 29, 2002, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Virginia Power or Dominion) submitted an application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to renew its license for the Surry Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). You stated that your application was prepared in accordance with applicable provisions of 10 CFR Part 72, Subpart B, and the Preliminary NRC Staff Guidance For 10 CFR Part 72 License Renewal, which we transmitted to you by letter dated March 29, 2001. Your license renewal application was accompanied by an exemption request to extend the license renewal period to 40 years. In our letter to you dated November 7, 2000, we indicated that a license renewal application requesting a renewal period of greater than twenty years would need to be accompanied by an appropriate exemption request. Your exemption request will be reviewed as a separate action under TAC No. L23456.

This letter is to inform you that your application meets the requirements of 10 CFR 72.42(c) for timely renewal and contains the necessary information for the NRC staff to begin its review. Due to higher priority work and resource limitations, and in recognition of the fact that the current Surry ISFSI license does not expire until July 31, 2006, the staff's technical review of your renewal application will not commence until the first quarter of calendar year 2003. A schedule for review of your renewal application will be provided to you in separate correspondence. If you have any questions regarding our review, please contact me at (301) 415-1336.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 72-2 (50-280/281)

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