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Re: Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants;
Supplement 7 North Anna Power Station, Units 1-and-2.


Dear Mr. Kugler:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants; Supplement 7 North Anna Power Station Units 1 and 2. EPA concurs with the analysis of the environmental impacts as they relate to the alternatives discussed in the report.

The programmatic process for license renewal for this power plant and others covered in the Generic EIS allows for a large time lapse from license application to license renewal. For example, the North Anna Power Station license is currently being considered for renewal but the license will not expire until 2018 and 2020 respectively for each unit. Is there an opportunity to revisit some conclusions, especially those issues that may be associated with uncertainties, or issues that may have changed over time as the renewal period approaches 15 years from now? Issues where technologies may advance, such as fuel cell development or storage of spent fuel is further defined, could alter some of the conclusions in the report.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project and please feel free to contact me at 215-814-3367 if you wish to discuss these issues in greater detail.

Sincerely,


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