

November 28, 2003

Mr. R. Duff Green  
Orange County Emergency Manager  
P.O. Box 111  
Orange, Virginia 22960

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Docket No. 52-008

November 28, 2003

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November 28, 2003

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Robert B. Strobe, M.D., M.P.H.  
State Health Commissioner  
Office of the Commissioner  
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Docket No. 52-008

November 28, 2003

Mr. Leslie P. Foldesi, CHP, Director  
Bureau of Radiological Health  
Division of Health Hazards Control, Department of Health  
Main Street Station  
1500 East Main, Room 240  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

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Docket No. 52-008

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Spotsylvania County  
P.O. Box 818  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

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Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
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Caroline County  
P.O. Box 447  
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Docket No. 52-008

November 28, 2003

Mr. Michael M. Cline, State Coordinator  
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Dear Mr. Cline:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you, as a public official who may have an interest in activities related to the North Anna Power Station, that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received an application dated September 25, 2003, from Dominion Nuclear North Anna, LLC (Dominion NNA) for an early site permit (ESP). We have docketed this application (Docket No. 52-008) and would like to acquaint you with the major steps that lie ahead as the staff reviews it. The application is for a site, identified by Dominion NNA as the "North Anna ESP site," adjacent to the existing nuclear power plant units already operating on the North Anna site.

The NRC plans to hold an open house and public meeting on the scope of the environmental review associated with the application. The open house and public meeting will be held at the Louisa County Middle School on Monday, December 8, 2003. The open house will begin at 6:00 pm, to be followed by the public meeting at 7:00 pm.

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