



November 3, 2003

Hon. Willie L. Harper, Chairman
Louisa County Board of Supervisors
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ESP-0035

**In the Matter of
Dominion Nuclear North Anna, LLC
NRC Docket No. 52-008**

Dear Mr. Harper:

Dominion Nuclear North Anna, LLC (Dominion), has submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) an application for an Early Site Permit (ESP) for a location in Louisa County identified as the North Anna ESP Site. The site selected for the ESP is a parcel of land within the North Anna Power Station (NAPS) site, where two existing nuclear units are currently located and operated. The site selected for the ESP is adjacent to and generally west of the existing units.

An ESP is an NRC permit issued pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Part 52, Subpart A, approving a proposed site as suitable for new nuclear power plants, but it is not an approval to construct or operate such plants. Currently, Dominion is not proposing to construct or operate new nuclear plants. If in the future Dominion were to decide to proceed with the development of new nuclear units at the North Anna ESP Site, it would have to obtain a construction permit and operating license from the NRC (as well as other federal and state approvals) before proceeding with those activities.

Dominion is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Dominion Resources, Inc. Virginia Electric and Power Company, which operates the existing nuclear units on the NAPS site, is also a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dominion Resources, Inc.

The NRC has accepted Dominion's application for docketing. The NRC published a notice of this acceptance in the Federal Register on October 29, 2003 (68 Fed. Reg. at 61,705). Pursuant to the NRC regulations at 10 C.F.R. § 2.101(a)(3)(ii), Dominion is providing to you (enclosed with this letter) a copy of the application, which includes an environmental report.

The NRC will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) addressing Dominion's application. The NRC will issue a draft of this EIS for public comment. A Federal Register notice will announce this issuance, the procedure for providing comments, and the means by which the draft EIS is being made publicly available.

If you need any further information concerning Dominion's application, please contact Joseph D. Hegner. Mr. Hegner may be contacted at the address above, by phone at 804-273-2770, or by email at joseph_hegner@dom.com.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure: CD containing North Anna Early Site Permit Application, Rev. 1

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