

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received an early site permit (ESP) application, dated September 25, 2003, from Dominion Nuclear North Anna, LLC. The application asks the NRC to consider whether the North Anna site would be suitable for the future construction of up to two new nuclear units. The applicant is not requesting approval to actually build the units. The NRC's ESP review process was discussed at a public meeting in the Louisa County Library on April 1, 2003, and at the Lake Anna Civic Association annual meeting on July 26, 2003.

The application will be available through the NRC's web page (www.nrc.gov) and at the Louisa County Library, 881 Davis Highway, Mineral, Virginia. The web page location for the application is <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/license-reviews/esp/north-anna.html>.

The NRC plans to hold an environmental scoping meeting at the Louisa County Middle School on December 8, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be preceded by an "open house" from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., allowing the public an opportunity to talk to NRC staff one-on-one. The purpose of the meeting itself will be to explain the ESP process and to allow members of the public an opportunity to ask questions, raise concerns for NRC to consider, and make comments on the scope of the environmental review. Details concerning the review process, the public meeting, and an opportunity to request a formal hearing will be provided by future notices in the *Federal Register*. In the meantime, if you have questions concerning the NRC review you can contact Mike Scott, Site Safety Project Manager, or Andy Kugler, Environmental Project Manager. Mike can be reached at (800) 368-5642, extension 1421, or by email at MLS3@nrc.gov. Andy can be reached at the same 800 number, extension 2828, or by email at AJK1@nrc.gov.

For more information regarding the ESP process go to:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/license-reviews/esp.html>