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SUBJECT: REVISED SCHEDULE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE DOMINION EARLY SITE PERMIT APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Christian:

By letter dated June 22, 2004, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) extended the environmental review schedule for the application by Dominion Nuclear North Anna, LLC (Dominion) for an early site permit (ESP) by one month. The one-month delay occurred as a result of an expected two-month delay in Dominion's responses to environmental requests for additional information (RAIs). The staff received from Dominion a substantial revision to the environmental report (ER) on July 15, 2004. On September 30, 2004, Dominion revised the application again and submitted its responses to the staff's RAIs on October 4, 2004. The staff has determined that more resources and time are needed to complete the environmental review of the revised ESP application than was originally anticipated.

As a result of the above factors, the staff finds it is unable to complete its environmental impact statement (EIS) according to the schedule provided on June 22, 2004. The enclosed review schedule reflects the updated schedule resulting from these delays.

Separately, the staff has reevaluated the time needed from approval of the final safety evaluation report (FSER) to its issuance as a NUREG document. Therefore, we have changed the date of issuance as a NUREG from August 25, 2005, to August 29, 2005. We are not changing the planned approval date of the issuance of the FSER (June 16, 2005). We have also changed expected dates for review by the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS).

We discussed these schedule changes with your staff in a phone conference on November 8, 2004. We do not believe the revised schedule requires any changes to the expected final date for completing the NRC's review of your ESP application. As we have informed you previously, the mandatory hearing schedules and Commission decision dates are not within the staff's control and are rough estimates.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, you may contact either Michael Scott, the North Anna Project Manager at (301) 415-1421 (mls3@nrc.gov) or Jack Cushing, the Environmental Project Manager at 301-415-1424 (jxc9@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Review Schedule for Dominion Early Site Permit Application for the North Anna Site

Milestone	Completion Date (Actual - A Target -T)
Receive early site permit application	09/25/03 - A
Press Release announcing receipt and availability	10/09/03 - A
Federal Register notice (FRN) published for receipt and availability	10/16/03 - A
FRN published announcing acceptance	10/30/03 - A
1st inspection complete	11/21/03 - A
FRN published for Notice of Intent (environmental scoping process)	11/24/03 - A
FRN published for mandatory hearing	12/02/03 - A
Environmental scoping meeting	12/08/03 - A
Deadline for filing petitions for intervention	01/02/04 - A
Scoping period ends	01/09/04 - A
Environmental requests for additional information (RAIs) issued to applicant	03/12/04 - A
Deadline for submitting contentions	05/03/04-A
Safety and emergency planning (EP) RAIs issued to the applicant	06/03/04 - A
Applicant submits responses to safety and EP RAIs	08/19/04 - A
Applicant submits revision to environmental report	09/07/04- A
Draft environmental impact statement (EIS) to EPA, Issue Notice of availability	*12/10/04- T*
Draft safety evaluation report (SER) issued	12/20/04- T
Public meeting to discuss draft EIS	*01/19/05 - T*
ACRS subcommittee meeting on draft SER	*02/04/05 - T*
End of draft EIS comment period	*03/01/05 - T*
Applicant submits responses to SER open items	03/03/05 - T
ACRS full committee meeting on draft SER	*03/04/05 - T*
2nd inspection complete	03/07/05 - T
ACRS interim letter to Commission	*03/18/05 - T*
Optional final inspection complete	05/04/05- T
Final SER issued	06/16/05 - T
ACRS subcommittee meeting on final SER	*06/24/05 - T*
ACRS full committee meeting on final SER	*07/08/05 - T*
Regional Administrator's Letter	07/18/05 - T
ACRS letter to Commission	*07/25/05 - T*
Final EIS issued to EPA/Issue Notice of Availability	*08/12/05 - T*
Final SER issued as NUREG	*08/29/05 - T*
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) initial decision	02/06 - T
Commission decision	06/06 - T

Note: Dates shown in italics are revised as discussed in the letter to which this schedule is an enclosure.