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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENT FOR AN EARLY SITE PERMIT (ESP) AT THE NORTH ANNA  
ESP SITE (TAC NO. MC1128)

Dear Mr. Christian:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed NUREG -1811, "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the North Anna ESP Site." Enclosed is a copy of the draft report and the associated *Federal Register* Notice of Availability. This notice advises the public that the draft report is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room) and directly from the NRC Website at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov). (Note: Public access to ADAMS has been temporarily suspended so that security reviews of publicly available documents may be performed and potentially sensitive information removed. Please check the NRC's Website for updates on the resumption of ADAMS access). In addition, the Louisa County Library, located at 881 Davis Highway, Mineral, Virginia, has agreed to make the DEIS available for public inspection. The notice also informs the public that the public meeting on the DEIS will be held in the Forum at the Louisa County Middle School, 1009 Davis Highway, Mineral, Virginia, on Wednesday, January 19, 2005. The meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m. and will continue until 10:00 p.m., as necessary. The meeting will be transcribed and will include: (1) a presentation of the contents of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS), and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour before the start of the meeting outside the Forum in the Louisa County Middle School.

As discussed in Section 10.5 of the DEIS, the staff's preliminary recommendation is that the ESP should be issued. This preliminary recommendation is based on (1) the Environmental Report (ER) submitted by Dominion, as revised; (2) consultation with Federal, State, Tribal and local agencies; (3) the staff's independent review; (4) the staff's consideration of comments received during the public scoping process; and (5) the assessments summarized in the DEIS, including the potential mitigation measures identified in the ER and in the DEIS. In addition, in making its preliminary recommendation, the staff has concluded that there are no environmentally preferable or obviously superior sites. Finally, the staff has preliminarily concluded that the site preparation and preliminary construction activities allowed by 10 CFR 50.10(e)(1) will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact that cannot be redressed.

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A separate notice of filing of the draft environmental impact statement will be placed in the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the NRC Environmental Project Manager, Mr. Jack Cushing, at 301-415-1424 or by e-mail at JXC9@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 52-008DOMINION NUCLEAR NORTH ANNA, LLCNOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTFOR AN EARLY SITE PERMIT (ESP) AT THE NORTH ANNA ESP SITEAND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) has published NUREG-1811, "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the North Anna ESP Site," (DEIS). The site is located near the Town of Mineral in Louisa County, Virginia, on the southern shore of Lake Anna. The application for the ESP was submitted by letter dated September 25, 2003, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 52. The application included a site redress plan in accordance with 10 CFR 52.17(c) and 52.25. If the site redress plan is incorporated in an approved ESP, then the applicant may carry out certain site preparation work and preliminary construction activities. A notice of receipt and availability of the application, which included the environmental report (ER), was published in the *Federal Register* on October 16, 2003 (68 FR 59642). A notice of acceptance for docketing of the application for the ESP was published in the *Federal Register* on October 29, 2003, (68 FR 61705). A notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement and to conduct the scoping process was published in the *Federal Register* on November 24, 2003, (68 FR 65961).

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that NUREG-1811, "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the North Anna ESP Site," is available for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) located at One White

Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, 20852, or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), and will also be placed directly on the NRC Website at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). (Note: Public access to ADAMS has been temporarily suspended so that security reviews of publicly available documents may be performed and potentially sensitive information removed. Please check the NRC Website for updates on the resumption of ADAMS access.) Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov). In addition, the Louisa County Library, located at 881 Davis Highway, Mineral, Virginia, has agreed to make the DEIS available for public inspection.

The NRC staff will hold a public meeting to present an overview of the DEIS and to accept public comments on the document. The public meeting will be held in the Forum at the Louisa County Middle School, 1009 Davis Highway, Mineral, Virginia, on Wednesday, January 19, 2005. The meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m. and will continue until 10:00 p.m., as necessary. The meeting will be transcribed and will include: (1) a presentation of the contents of the DEIS, and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour before the start of the meeting outside the Forum in the Louisa County Middle School. No formal comments on the DEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meeting or in writing. Persons may register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting by contacting Ms. Alicia Williamson, by telephone at 1-800-368-5642, extension 1878, or by Internet to the NRC at [NorthAnna\\_ESP@nrc.gov](mailto:NorthAnna_ESP@nrc.gov) no later than January 14, 2005. Members of

the public may also register to speak at the meeting within 15 minutes of the start of the meeting. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. Members of the public who have not registered may also have an opportunity to speak, if time permits. Ms. Williamson will need to be contacted no later than January 14, 2005, if special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, so that the NRC staff can determine whether the request can be accommodated.

Members of the public may send written comments on the DEIS for the North Anna ESP to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this *Federal Register* Notice. Comments may also be delivered to Room T-6D59, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. during Federal workdays. To be considered written comments should be postmarked by March 1, 2005. Electronic comments may be sent by the Internet to the NRC at [NorthAnna\\_ESP@nrc.gov](mailto:NorthAnna_ESP@nrc.gov). Electronic submissions should be sent no later than March 1, 2005. Comments will be available electronically and accessible through the NRC's PERR link at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of December, 2004.

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