

January 12, 2005

SUBJECT: DRAFT SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT FOR THE NORTH ANNA EARLY
SITE PERMIT APPLICATION

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Dear Sir or Madam:

On December 20, 2004, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff issued its draft safety evaluation report (DSER) for the application by Dominion Nuclear North Anna, LLC (Dominion) for an early site permit (ESP) for a site designated by Dominion as the North Anna ESP site. We are enclosing a CD-ROM copy of this document for your information.

The DSER provides information to stakeholders regarding the status of completion of the staff's review of safety aspects of Dominion's ESP application and the remaining information needed for issuance of the final SER (FSER). Because the DSER contains open items (subjects for which Dominion has been requested to provide additional information), the NRC staff has not made a decision regarding whether to recommend to the Commission that an ESP be issued for the North Anna ESP site. After reviewing Dominion's responses to the open items in the DSER, the NRC staff expects to complete the FSER and to issue it in June 2005.

At the time the DSER was issued, the NRC informed Dominion that it would withhold the DSER from public disclosure for 21 calendar days to allow Dominion the opportunity to verify, in consultation with Bechtel Power Corporation and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, the NRC staff's conclusion that the DSER does not contain proprietary or sensitive information that should be withheld from public release in accordance with NRC regulations. Dominion has not identified any such information in the DSER, so the staff has made the DSER available for public inspection on the NRC's public web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/esp/north-anna.html>. In addition, the document is available through the NRC's Public Document Room and the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of ADAMS, the NRC's document management system. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). The ADAMS accession number for the DSER is ML043020619.

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Please contact Michael Scott, the NRC's project manager for review of the North Anna ESP application, at (301) 415-1421 (mls3@nrc.gov) if you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, or if you have any trouble using the CD-ROM.

Sincerely,

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