**From:** Jack Cushing
**To:** Abhaya Thiele; Michael Scott
**Date:** 1/25/05 10:41AM
**Subject:** Re: I would like to request that the NRC videotape the upcoming DEIS hearing for North Anna - for the be

Dear Abhaya,

The NRC does have the meeting transcribed and the transcription is made available on our website for the public to read. The comments we recieve at the public meeting and in writing or via email will be addressed in the final EIS. We will not be videotaping the meeting. However, you are welcome to videotape the meeting provided the videtaping is unobtrusive and does not interfere with the meeting.

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>>> Abhaya Thiele <abhayathiele@yahoo.com> 01/22/05 05:14PM >>>
Dear Mike:

As a resident of Virginia who lives within the 50-mile impact zone around the present reactors at North Anna (and who would also be similarly within range of the proposed new reactors), I would like to officially request that the NRC videotape the upcoming DEIS hearing for the proposed new reactors at North Anna.

As you well know, as much as residents of the region are keenly interested in Dominion's permit application to build these new reactors, family and work obligations often necessitate that many members of the community cannot attend the DEIS hearing in person.

And, yes, while it is true that the hearing will be transcribed, and available to the public in print form, you know, as well as I do, that it is much easier to hear and see a hearing than to read hundreds of pages of transcripts. While the print version is technically available to the public, it is not a truly realistic option for non-professionals who want to follow the proceedings.

Having a video of the two-or-three-hour event is something that much more easily could, and would, be assimilated and, used.

As the facilities at the auditorium of the Louisa Middle School are indeed set up for videotaping, and as the NRC has in the past videotaped hearings and other events, it would be a relatively easy task for the NRC to bring a videocamera to the DEIS hearing for the purposes of recording it.

Certainly, if last year's hearing is any indication, there will be ample NRC staff members present, and certainly one of them could do the videotaping.

That way, the tape of the hearing could be available to the Louisa, Spotsylvania, Orange County,Fredericksburg, Richmond and Charlottesville libraries, as well as to the region-wide public-access cable TV station for replay throughout the month of February.

This, indeed, would increase public knowledge of, and participation in, the very important issues being addressed in the DEIS, and in the entire ESP application.

Our democracy is founded on citizen information and participation. To give the public anything less than full access to vital public information, (especially when it is so simple and relatively low-cost to do) would be to purposely thwart the democratic process.

So, in the interest of public participation and citizen democracy, the NRC should videotape the DEIS hearing coming up in February.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Abhaya Thiele

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