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Dear sir or madam:

I am dismayed to read that the NRC concluded the draft of its Environmental Impact Statement by saying "the environmental impacts would not prevent issuing an Early Site Permit for North Anna". I believe this to be unconscionable and unrealistic: I am a resident of Louisa County who lives 10 miles as the crow flies from the North Anna plant, and it is clear to me that nuclear reactors present an unacceptable risk for the public. There have been many documented near-catastrophies in addition to the disaster at Chernobyl and the near meltdown at Three Mile Island.

The highly radioactive spent fuel from the projected two new reactors at North Anna would most likely be stored on the site; where else would this high level nuclear waste go since the Yucca Mountain repository, if ever built, has a capacity limited to the waste from nuclear plants existing through 2012? Therefore the North Anna cask storage site, located less than 100 miles from our nation's capitol, would be a prime target for terrorists, continuing to place those of us who live in this area at highest risk.

If transported by rail or truck across the United States, there is the ever-present possibility of an accident (-the January 6 train derailment in Graniteville, South Carolina, from which eight persons died of chlorine gas, is a graphic reminder of the peril of transporting toxic materials). Such an accident would leave a legacy of cancers and other debilitating diseases in affected communities. A rail accident is an even greater risk because nuclear waste shipping containers are not required to undergo full physical safety testing for collisions, and the ability of the containers to withstand a high impact rail collision (especially one involving fire) is therefore not fully known.

Please SPARE OUR LIVES and spend OUR (taxpayer) money on safe energy alternatives.

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