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Dear NRC,

No new nuclear power plant should be build ever, and all those that exist should be shut down. Nuclear energy has been hyped as being clean, green, and cheap, and it is none of those things. The fact that nuclear waste remains lethal for hundreds of thousands of years, much longer than any nation has lasted is all the reason any sane person needs to ban any kind of nuclear use or production. WHO is going to monitor the waste??? None of the ideas of dealing with it make any sense - shooting it into space, burying it under an earthquake-fault ridded mountain.

There has not been one single nuclear plant that has not had leaks, spills, accidents or near accidents, incurring tremendous cost in attempts to fix them (not always successful), and the final decommission cost is outrageous.

The Davis-Besse plant near-disaster is a case in point, and in that situation, both the NRC and the utility, First Energy, were extremely negligent in inspecting the plant and in following up with necessary maintenance and repairs.

Utilities that have fallen for the nuclear hype end up with enormous costs they then foist off on the ratepayers as "stranded costs." Then there is the carefully concealed fact that breast cancer rates rise around such facilities, and I'm sure other types of cancer do too. Finally, there is the fact that nuclear plants are prime targets for terrorists.

Thus, I'm urging the NRC to retract the Early Site Permit for the North Anna nuclear project. There is no way such a facility will NOT adversely impact the environment. It will affect the environment during construction, during power generation, and during the attempts to dispose of and store the spent fuel.

It is indisputable that we are facing an enormous energy crisis because of the pending end of the oil era. However, switching to nuclear only introduces a plethora of other problems already mentioned. Dominion and all utilities should put all their resources to work developing alternative and renewable forms of energy like wind or biomass. Constructing new reactors would be a danger to Virginia and its neighbors; it would be bad for Virginia's environment, bad for taxpayers, and bad for residential and commercial ratepayers.

Sincerely,

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