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Dear NRC,

I write to oppose the issuance of an Early Site Permit to the North Anna nuclear project. The proposed nuclear site would be detrimental both to the environment and to local communities. Please consider the effects of construction, power generation and the disposal and storage of spent fuel in calculating environmental impact.

With its truck traffic, smog, and building waste, the construction would be detrimental to the environment. Moreover, Lake Anna will not physically support the addition of new reactors. Increased water use would cause the lake level to drop significantly. Lower water levels would adversely affect the lake. Lake temperature would be affected, probably killing the lifeforms that inhabit it.

Currently, there is no national policy on nuclear waste storage. Whether the spent fuel rods are kept on site, or be shipped to another site, they would pose a threat to the environment and to one community or another.

I firmly oppose new nuclear power. I would prefer that Dominion meet its power capacity needs using clean energy like wind or biomass. In reevaluating the ESP and the EIS, the NRC should urge Dominion to consider other alternatives to an expensive nuclear plant.

Sincerely,

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