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Chief, Rules and Directives Branch
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Office of Administration, Mailstop T-6D59
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Sir:

I am writing to express my great concern about the possibility of the NRC granting Dominion Power an Early Site Permit to construct new nuclear reactors at Lake Anna in Louisa County, Virginia. I believe that to do so would be exceedingly premature, since one very serious issue was not dealt with in Dominion Power's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The problem of what to do with spent fuel rods has not been adequately addressed in the EIS. Radioactive waste remains radioactive, and thus a threat to the environment and to human health, for thousands of years. Radioactive waste can contaminate the soil, the water, and the air. Studies show higher incidences of cancer among human populations living near radioactive materials.

Nobody wants a nuclear waste dump anywhere near where they live. The people living in Nevada don't want radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain. All of the space in the planned storage facility at Yucca Mountain is essentially filled even before the facility has opened. Nobody wants radioactive waste transported through their area, either. The people living in Virginia don't want radioactive waste at Lake Anna, nor do they want a long-term storage facility anywhere in the Commonwealth. The logical thing to do is to not create any more nuclear waste, since we haven't engineered a means of deactivating its harmful effects. The unsolved problem of how to handle nuclear waste is serious enough, in my estimation, to preclude the building of any new nuclear reactors until we have a genuine solution.

I urge you not to grant Dominion Power an Early Site Permit to add new reactors to the Lake Anna power plant until this crucial problem has been solved.

Sincerely,

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