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SUBJECT: STATUS OF THE NORTH ANNA EARLY SITE PERMIT APPLICATION  
REVIEW

Dear Mr. Christian:

On September 25, 2003, Dominion Nuclear North Anna LLC (Dominion) tendered its application for an early site permit (ESP) in accordance with Subpart A of Part 52 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR). Dominion revised and supplemented its application on October 2, 2003, and July 15 and September 7, 2004. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) formally accepted the application as a docketed application for an ESP on October 23, 2003. The staff has reviewed the ESP application and has issued the draft safety evaluation report (DSER) in accordance with the review schedule identified in the enclosure to the staff's letter to Dominion dated October 23, 2003. The schedule called for Dominion to provide responses to all open items not later than March 3, 2005. Any delay beyond this date in submitting responses sufficient to resolve the open items was likely to result in a slip in issuance of the final safety evaluation report (FSER). The original scheduled date for the issuance of the FSER was June 16, 2005.

Dominion submitted the complete response to open items 2.5-1 and 2.5-2 by letter dated March 30, 2005. The staff is considering the impact of the one-month delay on the FSER schedule and Dominion will be notified if more time is needed to complete the FSER than was originally anticipated. Please note that a one-month delay on the schedule may occur as a result of the one-month delay in Dominion's responses to open items 2.5-1 and 2.5-2. In addition, the staff is reviewing a large number of comments from the public on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS). We are currently evaluating the impact of these comments on the schedule for issuance of the final EIS.

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Please contact Belkys Sosa, the NRC's project manager for review of your ESP application, at (301) 415-2375 (bxs2@nrc.gov) if you have any questions or comments concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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