

18. REVIEW BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS

The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) completed its review of the application from Dominion Nuclear North Anna, LLC, for an early site permit (ESP) for the North Anna ESP site and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's draft safety evaluation report (DSEER) for this application. The ACRS ESP subcommittee began its detailed review of the North Anna ESP application and the staff's DSEER in December 2004. The ACRS ESP subcommittee met with representatives from Dominion and the staff on March 2, 2005. The ACRS held its full committee meeting on the North Anna ESP DSEER on March 3, 2005. The discussions during these meetings focused on the open items from the DSEER. On the basis of its review, the ACRS issued an interim letter report, dated March 11, 2005, which addresses the portions of the North Anna ESP application that concern safety. The staff responded to the interim letter report in its letter dated June 3, 2005 (ADAMS Accession No. ML051260009). This FSEER captures the actions that the staff has taken in response to the comments and recommendations identified by the ACRS in its interim report of March 11, 2005, as described in the staff's response letter of June 3, 2005.

During its meeting with the ACRS on July 6, 2005, the staff will discuss the resolution of open items and the responses to ACRS comments on the major elements of the ESP review. At the final ACRS meeting for the North Anna ESP SER, the full committee will consider the staff's report, as well as Dominion's North Anna ESP application, and will issue its final letter report to the Commission. The staff issued its final SER (FSEER) after the resolution of open items discussed in the DSEER and after receipt of the ACRS interim letter report to the Commission related to its review. The staff will address any comments from the ACRS in its final letter report to the Commission and will include the ACRS final letter report as an appendix to this report.

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