

July 7, 2005

SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT FOR THE NORTH ANNA EARLY SITE
PERMIT APPLICATION

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Dear Sir or Madam:

On June 16, 2005, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff issued its safety evaluation report (SER) for the application by Dominion Nuclear North Anna, LLC (Dominion) for an early site permit (ESP) for a site designated by Dominion as the North Anna ESP site. We are enclosing a CD-ROM copy of this document for your information.

The SER contains the staff's review of safety aspects of Dominion's ESP application for the North Anna ESP site. The staff's review verified the applicant's compliance with the Commission's regulations. The Commission is expected to reach a final decision on the ESP application after reviewing the staff's final SER and environmental impact statement, along with a report from the NRC's independent Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards and the findings of an NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Board in a hearing on the application. The SER serves to identify the matters resolved in the safety review and to identify remaining items to be addressed by a future combined license applicant.

At the time the SER was issued, the NRC informed Dominion that it would withhold the SER from public disclosure for 14 calendar days to allow Dominion the opportunity to verify, in consultation with Bechtel Power Corporation and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, the NRC staff's conclusion that the SER does not contain proprietary or sensitive information that should be withheld from public release in accordance with NRC regulations. Dominion has not identified any such information in the SER, so the staff has made the SER available for public inspection on the NRC's public web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/esp/north-anna.html>. In addition, the document is available through the NRC's Public Document Room and the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of ADAMS, the NRC's document management system. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). The ADAMS Accession Number for the SER is ML051610246.

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

Sincerely,

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