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RE: Docketing of Comments Received pertaining to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the North Anna Early Site Permit Application (TAC No. MC1128) DEQ-04-216F

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

We have received a copy of your June 16, 2005 memorandum to Andrew Kugler in your NRC office (received July 6) regarding the above subject and indicating that copies of the comment and response document for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed North Anna Early Site Permit will not be mailed to people on your mailing list for this review. I am writing to request one paper copy of the comment and response document for use by our agency and other state and local reviewing agencies.

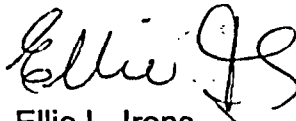
As you may know, the Department of Environmental Quality, through its Office of Environmental Impact Review (this Office), coordinates Virginia's review of federal environmental documents prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and responds to appropriate federal officials on behalf of the Commonwealth. In addition, DEQ is the lead agency for Virginia's review of federal consistency determinations and certifications submitted pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA). In exercising these responsibilities, this Office coordinated the State's review of the Draft EIS several months ago (DEQ-04-216F, comments mailed March 3, 2005). In addition, we are coordinating the review of the federal consistency certification for this project (DEQ-05-079F, status update letter mailed June 17, 2005).

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Our environmental review and consistency review responsibilities make it necessary and desirable, in our judgment, for this Office to maintain one copy of the comment and response document for use by ourselves and other state and local agencies. The comment and response document is likely to be of interest to us and to other reviewing agencies during the remainder of the federal consistency certification review process and in reviewing the Final EIS for the Early Site Permit, if and when that document is published. We expect that having a copy here to share with other state reviewers will facilitate these later reviews and enhance the quality of our resulting comments.

Thank you very much for your consideration. If you have questions, please feel free to call me (telephone (804) 698-4325) or Charlie Ellis of my staff (telephone (804) 698-4488).

Sincerely,



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