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Tony,

As per our conversation this morning, I have attached the review schedule for revision 6 of North Anna ESP application. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks,

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**SUBJECT: NORTH ANNA EARLY SITE PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW SCHEDULE
(TAC NOS. MC1126 AND MC1128)**

Dear Mr. Christian:

By letter dated April 13, 2006, Dominion Nuclear North Anna, LLC (Dominion), submitted Revision 6 to its September 25, 2003, application for an early site permit (ESP) for its North Anna site. The revision includes changes to the cooling system from once through cooling to a closed cooling system for a potential Unit 3 and increase in the power levels from 4,300 MWt to 4,500 MWt for potential Units 3 and 4. Dominion had previously described these changes in an application supplement dated January 13, 2006.

By letter dated February 10, 2006, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff provided Dominion with a review schedule for the supplemental ESP application and identified several areas in which additional information would be necessary in order to complete its review. The staff detailed these areas of additional information in letters dated February 10, and March 2, 2006. On March 10, 2006, the NRC staff met with Dominion and others at NRC Headquarters to discuss the areas of additional information.

As noted in the February 10, 2006, letter, the staff considers changes to the cooling system for potential Unit 3 and the change in power level for potential Units 3 and 4 to be substantial changes to the original ESP application. These substantial changes require the NRC to issue, in accordance with 10 CFR 51.72, a supplement to its draft environmental impact statement (EIS). The changes also warrant a supplement to the final safety evaluation report (SER). After evaluating the changes in Revision 6 to the ESP application, the staff will issue its supplement to the draft EIS for public comment and its supplemental final SER.

The NRC staff's schedule for issuing these supplements is enclosed. This schedule is based on the adequate response to all of the staff's information requests by May 24, 2006. Responses to all environmental information requests are due at the completion of the site audit. Timely and adequate responses are critical to maintaining the enclosed schedule.

In a separate letter, the staff will issue requests for additional information (RAIs) identified during its review of revision 6 to the ESP application.

D. Christian

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If you have any questions, please contact either Nitin Patel, at 301-415-3201 (npx1@nrc.gov) or George Wunder at (301) 415-1494 (gfw@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Milestone	Date
Receive Revision 6 of the early site permit application	April 14, 2006
Press Release announcing receipt and availability	May 8, 2006
Safety request for additional information (RAIs) issued to the applicant (optional)	May 10, 2006
Federal Register Notice (FRN) published for Notice of Intent to prepare a supplement to the draft environmental impact statement (EIS)	May 19, 2006
Applicant submits responses to safety RAIs	May 24, 2006**
Site Audit	May 2006
Applicant submits application final revision of the Site Safety Analysis Report	June 21, 2006**
Notice of Availability/Supplemental Draft EIS Issued, Start of Comment Period	July 21, 2006
Supplemental Final safety evaluation report (SER) issued	August 15, 2006
Public meeting to discuss draft EIS	August 2006
End of draft EIS comment period	September 4, 2006
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Full Committee meeting on Supplemental Final SER	September 11, 2006*
ACRS final letter to Executive Director for Operations	October 6, 2006*
Supplemental Final SER issued as NUREG	November 20, 2006*
Final EIS issued	December 29, 2006

It will take a nominal 12 months for Atomic Safety and Licensing Board decision and Commission decision to issue Early Site Permit.

* Milestones depend on ACRS availability (ACRS Full Committee does not meet in August or January)

** It is critical that Dominion meet these milestones in order for the staff to issue the Supplemental Final SER as a NUREG and the final EIS on the above established dates.

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