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Dear Mr. Cushing:

I am opposed to the North Anna Nuclear Plant Early Site Permit being granted to Virginia Dominion Power for the following reasons:

Lake Anna is already impaired and adding to the PCBs in the lake would be reckless and dangerous to residents living in Central Virginia, as well as those living along the North Anna River, the Pamunkey River, the York River and the Chesapeake Bay Region.

The concentration of four domed reactors makes an inviting target for those who constantly plot attacks against the United States of America. Also, in the event of drought or an accident, the clustering of nuclear reactors carries greater risk for several million Virginians. Because the facility must use an on site storage area for its nuclear waste, an accident or attack on the facility could result in contamination seepage into the water supply as well as the air with disastrous results for those of us living in the Richmond area, Northern Virginia or the Hampton Roads area.

The issue is not about how squeaky clean the plant looks to workers and visitors, it is about the capacity of Virginia Dominion Power to protect all of our citizens against radiation contamination and pollution. Without clean air and safe water supplies, we humans will not survive.

The recent past raises serious concerns about Virginia Dominion Power's ability to meet emergency situations in the Commonwealth. After hurricane Isabel, it took ten days and power crews from Arkansas and Alabama to get the Norfolk area up and running again. More recently, tropical storm Ernesto left some without power for five to six days. Those kinds of response times would be deadly in the event of a nuclear accident or facility attack and seem to me to be unacceptable risks to take.

Finally, the construction of a dry cooling tower appears to defeat the very purpose for which the Early Site Permit is being sought because of the high utilization of electricity.

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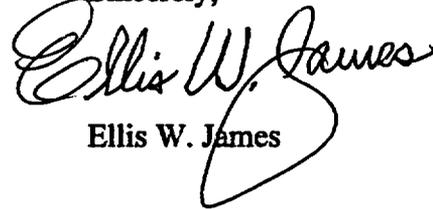
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There is a better and less expensive way to solve our energy needs. Major sacrifice and simple conservation discipline in every city, town and county in Virginia, as well as the use of renewable energy would eliminate the need to build more nuclear power plants and make all Virginians safer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellis W. James". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Ellis W. James