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STATEMENT TO NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

The Charlottesville Center for Peace and Justice opposes the granting of permits for two additional reactors at the North Anna facility.

A basic truth is involved here that none of us can escape. The burden of managing the highly toxic radioactive inventory in and around a fission reactor cannot be sustained over time. There is no long term storage of spent fuel rods. There is no method for site de-contamination after a reactor is decommissioned. There is no credible and politically viable means of disposal for the amount of high-level radioactive contaminated debris that is already in existence. Railway and highway transport of such debris can only spread the zone of peril along thousands of linear miles, several of which run through our community. For all these reasons, nuclear power is an accident waiting to happen, an accident of potentially catastrophic scope.

Because insurance providers are well aware of this basic truth, no real liability policy can be written to cover a breach-of-containment disaster. The risk of such disaster is the same now as when this reckless technology was devised over fifty years ago: loss-of-coolant meltdown, steam explosion, earthquake or other natural mishap, terrorist sabotage.

If the total cost of nuclear fission to society now and in the future were factored into the price per kilowatt hour, no utility would ever have used nuclear fission to generate electricity. To add to this burden on society by approving construction of new reactors is unconscionable.

We object to the Dominion Power proposal. We denounce the restriction on areas for comment that have been imposed on this process. And we implore you to deny these permits.

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for CCPJ

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