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Dear U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

Please do not allow a third nuclear reactor at the North Anna site in Louisa County, VA, about 30 miles east of Charlottesville.

The North Anna Power Station is not currently in full compliance with the federal Clean Water Act and a third reactor will add to the problems already occurring with warm lake temperatures and downstream flow.

Existing wetlands, streams, and woodlands on the site may be adversely affected by the construction and operation of a new reactor. The semi-permanent storage of radioactive waste at the North Anna site presents health and safety threats to the thousands of people of central Virginia.

A third reactor should not be built at North Anna. It will put unreasonable stress on water resources and jeopardize the health and safety of Virginia citizens. At the very least, since Dominion Power is choosing a new reactor model, a totally new environmental assessment should be conducted.

We need to say no to a new nuclear reactor at North Anna. The time is ripe now for massive investments in clean, safe renewable energy, such

as solar and wind. Nuclear energy does not meet these requirements and is enormously costly to build and operate- and the unsolved problem of its toxic waste is a legacy I do not want to pass on to my children. For the cost of building a new reactor at North Anna, we could make significant strides in advancing clean alternative energy implementation within Virginia. For instance, instead of nuclear, we could install solar arrays on every flat-roofed office building, school, warehouse, and factory in the state, supplying tons of energy directly where it's needed, with no additional infrastructure. We

could also recoup through energy efficiency programs a huge percentage of the power that is currently just wasted. These are the steps we should be taking. More reactors at North Anna is an expense, and a risk, that I'm not willing to accept.

Sincerely,

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