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Dear Mr. Heacock:

By letter dated May 12, 2009 (Agencywide Documents and Access Management System Accession No. ML091320639), Virginia Electric and Power Company submitted a relief request for North Anna Power Station, Unit 1 and 2. The proposed relief request would permit the inspections performed during the Unit 1 fall 2007 and Unit 2 fall 2008 refueling outages on the bottom mounted instrument tubes to be used as the initial reactor coolant pressure boundary visual inspection in place of the footnote requirement for the initial inspection to be performed at the next refueling outage after January 1, 2009. This would be an alternative to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(ii)(E) requirements for the remainder of the third 10-year inservice inspection (ISI) interval. The purpose of this correspondence is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this relief request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Pursuant to Sections 50.55a(a)(3)(i) and 50.55a(a)(3)(ii) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), the applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed alternatives would provide an acceptable level of quality and safety, or that compliance with the specified requirements of Section 50.55a would result in hardship or unusual difficulty without a compensating increase in the level of quality or safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. If additional information is needed for the NRC staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me or John Stang, Senior Project Manager at (301) 415-1345.

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