

Phone Interview with Paul Oswell, Director for Louisa County Department of Social Services, of Virginia

INTERVIEWER: Michelle Niemeyer, PNNL

DATE/TIME: January 20, 2009

TOPIC: Environmental and social issues impacting low-income and/or minority populations related to activities proposed at the North Anna Power Station Unit 3.

Louisa County Department of Social Services
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Paul G. Oswell, Director

I spoke with Mr. Oswell on January 20, 2009. He is the director of the Louisa County Department of Social Services. Mr. Oswell stated that the minority and low income populations are spread out throughout the county with small pockets here and there such as trailer parks. Available rental property is also scarce due to the rural setting of Louisa County. Most of the minority population is African American. There is a growing Hispanic population however it is not growing as fast as the Hispanic population of other Virginia Counties. There isn't any known migrant labor in the county. His department doesn't keep records on the demographics of the underprivileged in the county. Social Services is currently seeing a record number of people applying for benefits due to the downturn in the national economy.

Their biggest program is Medicaid which is mostly the elderly and uninsured children. Food Stamps and TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) are the other two high demand services. Due to the economy those applying for food stamps have skyrocketed. About 50 percent of those applying for benefits have been on benefits before while the other half are usually new. He knows of no subsistence living practices in the county.

Mr. Oswell thought that the local low income and minority populations may benefit from construction job opportunities and through the extra tax revenue that would allow him to expand his budget and better serve those in need. As far as concerns he thought the underprivileged and minorities could one day be impacted by the lack of a waste disposal facility but he didn't feel the low income and minority populations would be disproportionately impacted by it any more than anyone else.

UPDATE:

A follow up email from Mr. Oswell on Thursday March 5th 2009 indicated that a majority of the low-income population in the county are typically employed in food service, local health care (nursing home, CNAs), construction laborers, sawmill workers, self-employed lawn/construction/repair. Also he stated that the health department indicated that obesity and high blood pressure are predominant health problems for adults and STD's and pregnancy for teenagers.

Phone Interview with Donna Ison, Director for Louisa County Community Cupboard

INTERVIEWER: Michelle Niemeyer, PNNL

DATE/TIME: February 3, 2009

TOPIC: Environmental and social issues impacting low-income and/or minority populations related to activities proposed at the North Anna Power Station Unit 3.

Louisa County Community Cupboard

Mission: Working to ease hunger with compassion

147 Resource Lane

Louisa, VA 23093

Phone: (540) 967-3577

Hours: Mon, Wed & Fri 9am – 3pm

Tues & Thurs 11am – 5pm

Donna Ison, Director

I spoke with Ms. Ison on February 3, 2009 about her organization's work with low income populations in Louisa County. She stated that most of the people she sees are under 55 and many of them are single moms. There are two entities within her organization. The first is the Cupboard which provides a once a month food program for those meeting USDA guidelines. Around 1000 individual (equaling about 470-485 families) receive bags of food based on the number of people in their family/household. The second entity is an emergency food pantry supported by 25 local area churches. At the food bank members of the community can receive food regardless of income. There is also a medical outreach program for those that are under-insured or not insured. Ms. Ison stated that most of their clients are long term members of the community and mostly underemployed or unemployed. She sees diabetes and hypertension frequently and knew of no subsistence practices in the county. She stated that there are a lot of people and churches helping each other in the area. She thought the new unit may bring new jobs and was hopeful that North Anna would support them more than they currently do.

**Phone Interview with Ben Owen, Director for King William County
Department of Social Services, of Virginia**

INTERVIEWER: Michelle Niemeyer, PNNL

DATE/TIME: January 21, 2009

TOPIC: Environmental and social issues impacting low-income and/or minority populations related to activities proposed at the North Anna Power Station Unit 3.

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King William, VA 23086
Phone: 804-769-4905
Email: agency101@central.dss.state.va.us
http://www.kingwilliamcounty.us/social_services.htm
Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm

Ben Owen, Director

I spoke with Mr. Owen on January 21, 2009. He is the director of the King William County Department of Social Services. Mr. Owen stated that the minority populations are located in the middle to southern end of the county with the exception of the Oak Grove area which has been historically a predominately African American area. He stated that the minority population has been declining recently and that most of the growth in the county is due to its proximity to Richmond, VA (it's a bedroom community).

Mr. Owen guessed that the low income population was less than five percent though he has seen an upsurge in those applying for benefits recently due to the national economic crisis and most of those losing their jobs are poor and blue collar workers. His biggest programs are food stamps and Medicaid. There is also an Episcopal church on the Pamunkey River that has a very active food bank where members of the community receive assistance. His county usually has very low unemployment. He knew of no subsistence living practices within the county other than the Pamunkey Indians however there is recreational hunting in the area.

Mr. Owen didn't think the plant would bring many construction jobs to the county because of the long commute around the lake. He didn't think that it will have a significant impact on King William County.

**Phone Interview with Cynthia Green, Director for Caroline County
Department of Social Services, of Virginia**

INTERVIEWER: Michelle Niemeyer, PNNL

DATE/TIME: January 22, 2009

TOPIC: Environmental and social issues impacting low-income and/or minority populations related to activities proposed at the North Anna Power Station Unit 3.

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Cynthia J. Green, Director

I spoke with Ms. Green on January 22, 2009. She is the director of the Caroline County Department of Social Services. Ms. Green stated that the minority and low income populations are spread out throughout the county. She said the minority population (which is predominately African American) has been declining slightly. She also knew of some migrant labor in the county but not very much. In the past 6 months low income populations have been increasing but she thought that was related to the national economy. Food stamps, Medicaid and TANF are needed by low income persons in the county. Ms. Green said the resources for low income populations in the county are limited. Besides the social services food bank the nearest food banks are in other counties or Richmond, VA. Those seeking help from her organization sometimes suffer from diabetes, heart problems, hypertension and smoking. She was unsure if there was any subsistence fishing in the county. She didn't know of any North Anna Unit 3 benefits or concerns with regard to minority and low income populations in Carolina County.

**Phone Interview with Kevin Brown, Chief of the Pamunkey Indians, of
Virginia**

INTERVIEWER: Michelle Niemeyer, PNNL

DATE/TIME: January 27, 2009

TOPIC: Environmental and social issues impacting the Pamunkey Indians related to activities proposed at the North Anna Power Station Unit 3.

Pamunkey Indian Reservation
175 Lay Landing Road
King William, VA 23086
Telephone: (804) 843-4792
www.pamunkey.net

Kevin Brown, Chief

Mr. Brown hadn't heard about North Anna Unit 3 and requested an address to mail comments/questions to the NRC. I spoke with Mr. Brown about his tribe's subsistence living practices. His tribe is dependent upon the Pamunkey River in several different ways. They fish for Shad along the Pamunkey River and have for several hundred years. This takes place for about two months during the spring months. Fishing has become difficult for this tribe due to some upstream dams that were built and due to farmers putting down chemicals on their crops along the river. Some recent Virginia laws regarding what farmers can put on their crops have eased this slightly. They eat the fish they catch and also sell it as a form of income for the tribe. They also have a hatchery on the reservation where they raise Shad and release them into the river. The Pamunkey Indians hunt migratory birds (ducks) along the Pamunkey River. The tribe has a guided hunting business along the river too. They take customers out into the marshes along the river to hunt. They don't do any crop irrigating on the reservation. Mr. Brown stated his tribe has a high rate of diabetes and a hereditary nerve disorder.

Hanover County

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Donna Douglas, Director

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Several messages were left with officials (Donna Douglas and Shelia Power) at Hanover County but my calls were not returned.

St. David's Episcopal Church

(804) 769-2078

PO Box 125,

Aylett, VA 23009

This church was identified through an internet search as a possible food bank however nobody at the church could be reached by phone.