

October 26, 2011

Mr. L. N. Hartz  
Vice President, Nuclear Support Services  
Virginia Electric and Power Company  
5000 Dominion Boulevard  
Glen Allen, VA 23060

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM 10 CFR 72.212(b)(3) AND (b)(11)  
FOR DRY FUEL STORAGE AT THE SURRY POWER  
STATION – ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW

Dear Mr. Hartz:

By letter dated July 21, 2011, as supplemented September 28, 2011, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Dominion) requested exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR 72.212(b)(3) and (b)(11). 10 CFR 72.212(b)(3) and (b)(11) requires a general licensee (under 10 CFR Part 72, Subpart K) to comply with the terms and conditions of the approved Certificate of Compliance (CoC) for the dry cask storage system used at the site. The exemptions were requested for NUHOMS® HD Dry Shielded Canisters (DSC), Model No. HD-32PTH, with serial numbers DOM-32PTH-001-C, -002-C, -003-C, and -009-C due to non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the Transnuclear, Inc., CoC 1030, Amendment No. 0. At the time of loading, the decay heat limit was exceeded for five fuel assemblies. The five fuel assemblies are distributed over the four identified DSCs.

NRC staff performed an acceptance review of your request to determine if it contains sufficient information to allow the staff to complete the detailed review. This letter acknowledges acceptance of your request. The request appears to contain the information needed for our review. We have established a schedule for the review. The schedule allows for staff to issue a Request for Additional Information (RAI) in late November 2011 and the exemption by early March 2012, based on the applicant responding to RAIs in late December 2011. If no RAI is needed, and based on the staff's evaluation, the exemption may be issued at approximately that time. In general, no additional changes to the request should be submitted except for changes resulting from your response to an RAI.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 301-492-3268.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

Jennie Rankin, Project Manager  
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