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In the Matter of Virginia Electric and Power Company (North Anna Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2) Docket Nos. 50-338 OL and 50-339 OL

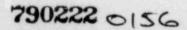
Gentlemen:

The Staff has reviewed "VEPCO's Response to the NRC Staff Evaluation of Pumphouse Settlement", dated January 19, 1979. The Staff agrees with VEPCO that proposed Technical Specification 4.7.13.1 is inappropriate insofar as it would require retroactive monitoring of groundwater flow rates at a frequency which VEPCO has not utilized in the past.

The purpose of the proposed retroactive monitoring requirement for groundwater flow rates was to ensure that monitoring data which VEPCO has collected since the issuance of the operating license for North Anna Unit 1 is retained so that it is available for use in preparing the summary report required by Technical Specification 3.7.13. To accomplish this, without requiring retroactive monitoring which VEPCO cannot comply with, the Staff proposes as a substitution for proposed Technical Specification 4.7.13.1 the revised version offered by VEPCO in its January 19, 1979 Response but with the following sentence added at the end of that version:

Monitoring information collected since the issuance of the Operating License regarding the groundwa r levels and flow rates shall be retained for use in preparing the summary report required by Technical Specification 3.7.13.

VEPCO has informed the Staff that it has no objection to the inclusion of the above sentence. A copy of the revised proposed technical specification is attached to this letter for your convenience.



I am also enclosing for your information a copy of a letter from J. O'Reilly of Region II of the Office of Inspection and Enforcement to VEPCO dated December 27, 1978 which I recently received. Attached to the letter is a copy of Inspection Report No. 50-338/78-44, which reports on a special inspection of data collected on the settlement of the service water pumphouse for the North Anna facility as well as an inspection of settlement surveys at the site. No items of noncompliance or deviations were identified in the report.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: As stated

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REVISED PROPOSED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 4.7.13.1 FOR NORTH ANNA UNIT 1 OPERATING LICENSE

4.7.13.1 The groundwater level of the service water reservoir shall be determined to be within the limits by piezometer readings from at least 7 of the locations shown on Table 3.7-6. Readings shall be taken at least once per 31 days for 5 years following the date of issuance of the Operating License. The groundwater flow rates shall be determined by measurements at the drain outlet gallery. Readings shall be taken at least once per 31 days from (the date of issuance of this revision). The need for further surveillance will be determined at the end of the 5-year period from the date of issuance of the Operating License. Monitoring information collected since the issuance of the Operating License regarding the groundwater levels and flow rates shall be retained for use in preparing the summary report required by Technical Specification 3.7.13.