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Virginia Electric and Power Company
North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-338 OL and 50-339 OL

Gentlemen:

My understanding is that at this point your jurisdiction in the North Anna 1 and 2 operating licensing proceeding is limited to the three issues of turbine missiles, pumphouse settlement, and radon. Nevertheless, for your information I am enclosing a recent 10 CFR Part 21 report filed with the Staff on a different matter, a cracked splitter plate at

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North Anna 2.

Yours very truly,

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March 27, 1979

Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director
Office of Inspection & Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II
101 Marietta Street, Suite 3100
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Serial No. 191
PSE&C/CGC:mac:wang

Docket No. 50-339

Dear Sir:

On March 22, 1979, a report was made under the provisions of 10CFR50.55(e) concerning a cracked splitter plate in the reactor coolant system.

In accordance with the reporting requirements of 10CFR21, the following information is submitted:

A. Name and address of reporting individual:

Mr. E. A. Baum, Executive Manager
Licensing and Quality Assurance
Virginia Electric and Power Company
P. O. Box 25666
Richmond, Virginia 23261

B. Facility, activity, and/or component affected:

North Anna Power Station, Unit 2
Splitter plate in suction pipe to reactor coolant pump "C".

C. Name of firm constructing the facility or supplying the component, activity or service.

Westinghouse Electric Corporation
P. O. Box 355
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230

D. Description of defect, deficiency, or failure to comply:

A cracked splitter plate has been discovered in the reactor coolant pipe leading into the R. C. Pump "C" suction volute. The splitter plate is attached inside the R. C. pipe by welds on both sides of the plate to longitudinal bosses on each side of the pipe inside diameter. Two cracks have been discovered in the vicinity of the plate to pipe welded interface.

E. Date of determination of reportability:
March 22, 1979

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F. Similar components, activities, or services:

North Anna Unit 1

G. Corrective action which has been, is being or will be taken, the individual responsible and the length of time to complete the action:

Weldment samples of the splitter plate/weld metal/pipe boss transition are being analyzed to determine the cause of failure. Inspection of the splitter plates in loops A and B is in progress.

H. Other information:

None

Any information not available at this time will be submitted in a follow-up letter as a 30-day report.

Should you require further information, please contact this office.

Very truly yours,

S. [Signature]

Sam. C. Brown, Jr.
Senior Vice President
Power Station Engineering
and Construction

cc: Director, Office of Inspection
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