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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Rosenthal,

Since Virginia Electric and Power Company's North Anna Nuclear Power Plant is built directly on a geologic fault, and the soil beneath it is saprolite, of dubious stability, the stability of the buildings has been questionable from the very beginning, - suspicions that have now been confirmed by the settlement of all buildings on the site.

Cause for apprehensive thought, is the settlement of all four corners of the service water pumphouse, which have settled differentially. This settlement puts at risk the continuous supply of cooling water so necessary to safe operation of the plant and the constant accessibility of water to the most essential of all safety systems, the Emergency Core Cooling System.

Given these unsafe site conditions, and rate of settlement in such a short span of time, it certainly seems most imprudent to double the allowable settlement, in order to keep North Anna operating, regardless of risk to the public health and safety.

I submit to you, the Safety and Licensing Appeal Board, an urgent request to bring this whole matter before the public, holding a hearing, wherein it might hopefully be proved that human lives are indeed the most important consideration, as is promised in the Atomic Energy Act of Congress.

Credibility on this score, of both VEPCO and NRC is presently at a very low ebb.

Sincerely yours,

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