

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 50-338VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANYNOTICE OF GRANTING OF RELIEF FROM ASME SECTION XI
INSERVICE INSPECTION (TESTING) REQUIREMENTS

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted relief from certain requirements of the ASME Code, Section XI, "Rules for Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components" to the Virginia Electric and Power Company (the licensee). The relief relates to the inservice testing program for the North Anna Power Station, Unit 1 located in Louisa County, Virginia. The ASME Code requirements are incorporated by reference into the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Part 50. The relief is effective as of its date of issuance.

The relief is granted on an interim basis, pending completion of our detailed review from those inservice inspection and testing requirements of the ASME Code that the licensee has determined to be impractical within the limitations of design, geometry and materials of construction of components, because compliance would result in hardships or unusual difficulties without a compensating increase in the level of quality or safety.

The request for relief complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the letter granting relief. Prior public notice of this action was not required since the granting of this relief from ASME Code requirements does not involve a significant hazards.

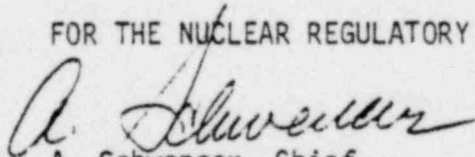
The Commission has determined that the granting of this relief will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with this action.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the licensee's letters dated August 10, 1977, September 29, 1977, May 4, 1979, September 1, 1979, November 2, 1978, and January 15, 1980, and (2) the Commission's letters to the licensee dated October 17, 1977 and February 6, 1980.

These items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW., Washington, D. C. 20555 and at the Board of Supervisor's Office, Louisa County Courthouse, Louisa, Virginia 23093 and at the Alderman Library, Manuscripts Department, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901. A copy of these items may be obtained upon request to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Project Management.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 6th day of February 1980.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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