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COMMENTS ON DRAFT REGULATORY GUIDES DG-1023 AND DG-1025

Virginia Power has reviewed the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) draft regulatory guides published in the Federal Register dated October 1, 1993. The draft regulatory guides are identified as DG-1023, "Evaluation of Reactor Pressure Vessels With Charpy Upper-Shelf Energy Less Than 50 Ft-Lb," and DG-1025, "Calculational and Dosimetry Methods for Determining Pressure Vessel Fluence." DG-1023 is being developed to provide guidance on methods acceptable to the NRC staff for evaluating reactor pressure vessels when the Charpy upper-shelf energy falls below the 50 ft-lb limit specified in NRC's regulations. DG-1025 is being developed to describe methods and assumptions acceptable to the NRC staff for determining the reactor pressure vessel neutron fluence.

We are in favor of the development of these draft regulatory guides and believe that they will be useful to both the industry and the NRC. We endorse the Nuclear Management and Resources Council (NUMARC) comments sent separately to the NRC on this issue and highlight their specific comments concerning the requested changes to DG-1025.

Very truly yours,

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