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Virginia Electric and Power Company
ATTN: Mr. W. L. Stewart
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-338/91-06 AND 50-339/91-06)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by Mr. M. Lesser of this office on February 17 - March 16, 1991. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your North Anna facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed inspection report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). We are concerned about Violation A because you allowed a potentially explosive gas mixture in the waste gas decay tank to remain there beyond the time allotted by the Technical Specification. Further, your corrective action taken following a similar event in May 1989 was not effective in preventing recurrence. Violation B reveals that, over a period of several days, several personnel failed to either follow or use administrative, maintenance and surveillance procedures during activities initiated to identify and repair a malfunctioning limit switch on the containment personnel airlock. We are concerned about Violation C because it reflects a lack of attention to detail in ensuring that all aspects of a test requirement are incorporated into procedures.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by P. Fredrikson)

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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