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Docket Nos. 50-338, 50-339
License Nos. NPF-4, NPF-7

Virginia Electric and Power Company
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-338/92-03 AND 50-339/92-03)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by Mr. M. Lesser of this office on January 12 - February 15, 1992. 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, involving two examples of failure to follow procedure. Although one example was self-disclosing and the other licensee identified, it is reasonable to expect that your extensive corrective actions previously taken to address recent trends of operator errors and equipment mispositions should have prevented these latest two. Additionally, we are concerned about Violation B involving untimely corrective action taken in response to a vendor bulletin. Substantial corrective action was not taken for two years. Specifically, weaknesses were identified with engineering management controls over prioritization of action items, an initial inadequate engineering evaluation, an apparent lack of sensitivity for the potential safety significance involved and the oversight of your industry operating experience review program. A particular concern is the effectiveness in promptly evaluating operability concerns commensurate with the safety significance.

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

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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.

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

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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