

JOHN W. WARNER
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 27, 1979

Respectfully referred to:

Director, Office of Congressional Affairs
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20505

re: North Anna nuclear power plant

Your consideration of the attached
correspondence from a constituent will
be appreciated. Your findings and views,
in duplicate form, along with return of
the enclosures, are requested.

Thank you for your cooperation.

John W. Warner

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829 South 20th Street
Arlington, Virginia 22202
September 13, 1979

Senator John Warner
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Warner,


My home in Arlington is less than 80 miles from the North Anna nuclear power plant. The plant's reactors stand astride a geological fault. Geologists have no way of knowing what conditions may produce activity along the fault. The Stone and Webster engineering firm designed the reactors at North Anna. Other plants built by Stone and Webster have been ordered to be closed because the firm miscalculated earthquake resistance standards.

The North Anna plant is built on unstable soil. The pumphouse at North Anna is sinking into the ground. If the pumphouse continues to sink the North Anna plant will soon violate the safety standards of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. VEPCO is unable to correct the problem so they are demanding that the safety standards be lowered.

The wind generally blows toward Arlington from North Anna. Tagged balloons released into the environment at North Anna have been recovered in my neighborhood. If there is a serious accident at North Anna my neighbors and I are likely to be among the victims.

VEPCO tells us that the risks of operating the North Anna nuclear plant are acceptable. They are gambling with our health and safety. What are you doing to close the North Anna plant?

Sincerely,


Frank C. Branchini

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