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Virginia Electric and Power Company
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-338/88-06 AND 50-339/88-06)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Operational Performance Assessment (OPA) conducted by L. Watson and team on March 28 - April 1 and April 11 - 15, 1988, at your North Anna facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and those members of your staff identified in the enclosed inspection report.

The OPA was a performance based team assessment which identified significant operational strengths and weaknesses, rather than a compliance oriented inspection. The inspection included an evaluation of the effectiveness of various plant groups including Operations, Maintenance, Quality Assurance, Engineering, and Training, in supporting safe plant operations. Particular attention was directed to assessing management awareness of, involvement in, and support of safe plant operations.

A number of notable strengths and improvement efforts were identified in your programs and are discussed in the enclosed report. However, during the course of the inspection, certain activities were noted which appeared to violate NRC requirements. The violation, references to pertinent requirements, and elements to be included in your response are described in the enclosed Notice of Violation. There is also an unresolved item identified in the inspection report which will be pursued during future inspections.

We direct your attention to those areas identified as weaknesses during the inspection. The more significant areas where improvements were needed included the periodic calibration of control room instrumentation; maintaining and using maintenance history files; the generation, review and control of procedure changes; the trending of deficiencies; and, identification of root cause of equipment deficiencies. We encourage prompt management attention to these areas. We also support your actions to improve areas previously targeted by you for enhancement and encourage aggressive implementation of these improvements particularly in the areas of post maintenance testing and procedural upgrades.

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The responses directed by this letter and its enclosure 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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