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NRC MEETING WITH PUBLIC APRIL 16 ON ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING FOR NORTH ANNA NEW REACTOR APPLICATION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold a public meeting Wednesday, April 16, in Mineral, Va., to discuss the agency's review process for a Combined License (COL) application from Dominion Virginia Power for a new reactor at the North Anna site near Louisa, Va., and the environmental issues the agency should consider in reviewing the application.

The NRC will meet with the public from 7 - 10 p.m. at the Louisa County High School, 757 Davis Highway in Mineral. The NRC will transcribe the meeting, including any follow-up answers the staff provides after the meeting, and post the information on the agency's Web page for the North Anna application at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col/north-anna.html>.

NRC staff will be available for informal discussions with members of the public during an "open house" session from 6 - 7 p.m. No formal comments on the environmental review will be accepted during the open house.

Dominion submitted its application Nov. 27, 2007, seeking approval to build and operate an Economic and Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR) at the site, approximately 40 miles northwest of Richmond. The ESBWR is a 1,500 MWe design currently under NRC review for possible certification. The agency expects to complete its ESBWR review in mid-2010. The staff will consider any findings concerning the design in reviewing the North Anna application. Information on the ESBWR application is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/design-cert/esbwr.html>.

Those wishing to register in advance to present their comments at the meeting should contact Alicia Williamson or Laura Quinn by telephone at 800-368-5642 x1878 or x2220, respectively, or via e-mail at NORTHANNA.COLAEIS@nrc.gov by April 10. Those with special needs for attending or presenting information at the meeting should notify the staff by April 7. Those wishing to speak may also register at the meeting no later than 6:45 p.m. Individual comments could be limited by the time available and the number of people wishing to speak.

NRC staff will also consider written comments on the scoping process. Comments should be submitted no later than May 16, either by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; via e-mail at NORTHANNA.COLAEIS@nrc.gov ; or hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md., between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on federal workdays.

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