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We appreciate the cooperation the Commonwealth of Virginia has provided during the review and look forward to your participation during the extended public comment period and at the public meeting on August 15, 2006. Please note, the NRC staff will be attending the Commonwealth of Virginia's hearing on August 16, 2006.

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