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Dear Mr. Lesar:

On behalf of my constituents, Dominion Power and its 8,968 Virginia employees, I am writing in support of Dominion's early site permit (ESP) application for the North Anna Power Station site, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff's preliminary recommendation that the ESP should be issued [Federal Register, July 12, 2006, Volume 71, Number 133, page 39372-39373].

Nuclear energy is important to the Commonwealth of Virginia and my constituents in Virginia's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Dominion's nuclear stations in Virginia provide 34 percent of the electricity used by customers and play a significant role in providing safe and reliable electricity that is important to Virginia's growing economy.

Dominion has safely operated the North Anna Power Station since 1978 and the Power Station is an efficient, low cost nuclear generation facility. Because more baseload electricity will be required in the future, it is important that nuclear energy remains an option to meet this growing demand.

Dominion has also demonstrated that it is an environmentally conscious neighbor by agreeing to spend \$200 million on a cooling tower system to cool a potential third reactor at the North Anna site. Dominion made this commitment to satisfy concerns expressed by state regulatory agencies and local citizens about the potential thermal impacts on Lake Anna and the Waste Heat Treatment Facility from using the lake for once-through cooling.

The NRC staff has performed a rigorous review of the potential environmental impacts associated with operation of additional reactors at the North Anna site. I commend the agency staff for its meticulous review of Dominion's ESP application and support its conclusions contained in the supplemental draft environmental impact statement.

Sincerely,



Eric Cantor  
Member of Congress

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