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My name is Vishwa Mitter Bhargava and live in Richmond, Virginia. I am a US citizen and have been in the country since 1969. Currently, I am employed at Dominion- Virginia Power.

I started my engineering career at Atomic Energy Commission, India in 1962. For most of my professional life, I've been working in the nuclear industry.

I am proud of my industry in general and Dominion in particular. Here is why.

Operating Experience: Nuclear power plants have an active program to share experience. Even though different utilities are competitors, still as working in the same industry we share our operating experience. This is a positive program whereby we learn from other power plants about engineering, operations, maintenance and other disciplines affecting the power stations. This program contributes to safe, efficient and effective operation of the nuclear plants. I know of no other industry that has such a program in place.

Human Performance: Current emphasis on exploring human performance and how to ferret out error precursors, inculcate a continuous learning organization is another example where nuclear industry excels other industries like petrochemical.

Recently, part of the Alaska pipe line was shut down because of corrosion of pipes making them dangerously thin. Nuclear Industry has had an active program for years testing pipes for corrosion, remaining life and systematic cost effective replacement.

Like any other technology, nuclear is not risk-free. However, Dominion's record of safely operating its plants is very reassuring.

I would wholeheartedly endorse Dominion attempt to secure the subject permit and urge you to issue the same.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

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