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To: Paul Gunter
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Subject: Notification to Petitioners of the PRB's Initial Recommendation on Petition by Gunter et al & Potential Dates/Times for 2nd Public meeting w/ Petitioners

Mr. Gunter,

I am emailing you as the communications coordinator for the petitioners for the petition dated October 20, 2011, by Paul Gunter et al. The NRC Petition Review Board (PRB) held a meeting on January 9, 2012, for the purpose of formulating an initial recommendation regarding your petition. The PRB's initial recommendation is to accept your petition in part. Although, a full description of the basis for rejecting for review certain aspects of your petition will be provided in an Acknowledgement letter to you, the following is a brief description of the aspects of the petition that were rejected for review and a summary of the basis for such rejection:

- Reanalyze and requalify the Lake Anna dam - This issue was rejected because Lake Anna dam is regulated by FERC. In addition, the Service Water Reservoir is the normal source for the service water system. Therefore, adequate service water would be immediately available to maintain Units 1 and 2 in a safe condition even if Lake Anna were to be drained. (UFSAR 2.4.4). We understand that issues regarding the Service Water Reservoir were also raised during the public meeting of December 12, 2011. However, no information was provided raising a safety issue regarding that structure.
- The NRC should release records kept at University of Virginia that are currently not publicly available. - This issue was rejected as these records are not being held by the NRC and this request is not associated with an enforcement action by the NRC.
- Concerns about age-related degradation - This issue was rejected as insufficient information was presented to identify the safety concern.
- Concerns about lack of compliance with a public law requiring storage of potassium iodide in areas surrounding a nuclear reactor as required by law - This issue was rejected as it is not related to an enforcement action by the NRC. In addition, the activity described is not an NRC-regulated activity.

As described in my email to you dated November 10, 2011, the PRB had rejected your request for immediate action as described in your petition on the basis that there was no immediate safety concern to plant, or to the health and safety of the public. The requirement to demonstrate that no functional damage has occurred to those features necessary for continued operation without undue risk to the health and safety already exists in 10 CFR 100 Appendix A. Subsequently, the North Anna Nuclear Power station was authorized to restart on November 11, 2011.

As requested in your public meeting with the PRB on December 12, 2011, I have begun initial planning for a public meeting with the PRB for the petitioners to provide any additional information that they might have regarding the petition. The following date and time is available for the petitioners to meet with the Petition Review Board (PRB) to discuss your petition via a public meeting.

Thursday, February 2, 2012

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Please confirm your availability to meet at this time at your earliest convenience as approximately 2 weeks lead time is needed when scheduling a public meeting. When a mutually agreeable date and time is arrived at, then I will provide a toll-free call-in number and passcode for your participation on the call.

If you have any questions feel free to respond to this email or call me at 301-415-1119.

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