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Mr. Ronald L. Ballard, Chief  
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Environmental Analysis  
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Ballard:

Thank you for your letter of March 18, 1980, requesting our views and comments on the draft environmental statement related to Steam Generator Repair at Surry Power Station, Unit 1, Surry County, Virginia. We have the following comments.

The draft environmental statement identifies occupational radiation exposure as the major issue in the proposed program for Unit 1 repair. It concludes "that the doses to individuals in unrestricted areas and to the population within 50 miles due to gaseous and liquid effluents from the repair project will not be environmentally significant." Units of the National Park System that are within the 50-mile radius are Colonial National Historical Park, Petersburg National Battlefield, and Richmond National Battlefield Park. Colonial is within 5 miles of the site.

The draft is lacking a location map and site plan. We believe reviewers would find these of value in the final environmental impact statement. While the doses in the unrestricted areas are expected to be below normal operating levels during the repair, the final statement should describe a monitoring program to assure the public that the doses do indeed remain within acceptable levels.

The statement should address the fate of any water collected in the sump of the storage facility for the degraded lower assemblies of the steam generator (see page 3-1).

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We hope these comments will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James Rathlesberger", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James H. Rathlesberger  
Special Assistant to  
Assistant SECRETARY