



VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23261

February 2, 1984

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Commander
Fifth Coast Guard District
431 Crawford Street
Portsmouth, Virginia 23705

Attention: Collection Clerk

Case No. 05P-03040-83, Vepco, Surry Power Station

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of Captain T. L. Wedgewood's letter of December 30, 1983. We have decided to pay the specified \$50.00 assessed penalty and have enclosed a check for that amount.

The payment of the assessed penalty should in no way be considered an admission that a discharge of oil from the Surry Power Station interfered with the beneficial uses of navigable waters or resulted in damage to public or private property or indigenous shellfish, fish or wildlife.

Very truly yours,

John A. Taylor, Ph.D.
Manager
Water Quality

Enclosure

cc: Mr. J. P. O'Reilly
Mr. H. R. Denton ✓ (attachment, Docket No. 50-280/50-281)
Mr. D. J. Burke

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November 3, 1983

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Mr. Donald B. Richwine
Regional Director
Piedmont Regional Office
State Water Control Board
P. O. Box 6745
Richmond, Virginia 23230

Surry Power Station - Oil Spill

Dear Mr. Richwine:

This is to confirm the recent oil spill at our Surry Power Station that was previously reported by telephone to the staff of the State Water Control Board.

On the morning of October 31, 1983, station personnel discovered a small sheen of oil in the station's cooling water discharge canal. The majority of the oil was entrapped by the containment boom that is permanently deployed across the discharge canal. A very small quantity of oil escaped the containment boom due to current and wave action. The oil was promptly removed with absorbent material.

The source of the oil is believed to have been the Unit 1 Turbine Building sump. This sump, which has an oil skimmer, had developed problems with its control switches such that the sump pump would not automatically halt when the level in the sump reached a certain height. To temporarily handle this situation, an operator was assigned to monitor and control the operation of the pump. Through oversight, the operator allowed the sump to be pumped too low thereby causing the skim of oil on the surface to be pumped into the yard drain which enters the canal as NPDES Outfall 002.

To prevent this situation from recurring, a Priority Maintenance Report to repair the faulty level switch was promptly issued and the switches were repaired.

Importantly, because of the prompt action by station personnel in removing the oil from the canal and the small amount of oil involved, we did not observe nor do we anticipate any adverse environmental impact to fish, wildlife, vegetation, or public or private property as a result of this spill.

If you have any questions regarding this incident, please let us know.

Very truly yours,
Original Signed By
John A. Taylor

John A. Taylor, Ph.D.
Manager
Water Quality

cc: U. S. Coast Guard
Mr. James P. O'Reilly
Mr. Harold R. Denton

bc: Mr. W. L. Stewart
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