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Gentlemen:

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
NORTH ANNA POWER STATION UNITS 1 AND 2
SURRY POWER STATION UNITS 1 AND 2
GENERIC LETTER 97-01, DEGRADATION OF CRDM/CEDM NOZZLE
AND OTHER VESSEL CLOSURE HEAD PENETRATIONS
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (RAI)

In letters dated April 28, 1997 and July 25, 1997 (Serial Nos. 97-214 and 97-214A, respectively), Virginia Electric and Power Company (Virginia Power) provided our response to Generic Letter 97-01, "Degradation of CRDM/CEDM Nozzles and Other Vessel Closure Head Penetrations," dated April 1, 1997, for North Anna and Surry Power Stations. Our response indicated that we were actively involved in the integrated industry effort to establish the appropriate inspection activities for the reactor vessel head penetrations. In a September 16, 1998 letter, the NRC staff requested additional information within ninety days to complete their review of our response as it relates to the Westinghouse Owners Group's (WOG) integrated program for assessing vessel head penetration nozzles and to the contents of Topical Report No. WCAP-1491. This request for additional information (RAI) would require a response by December 15, 1998.

Virginia Power has been actively involved with the WOG and the Nuclear Energy Institute to address the NRC staff's inquiries on the inspection activities and WCAP-1491. As such, we request an additional thirty days to provide our response to the RAI to accommodate an industry/NRC meeting on this subject, which is presently scheduled for December 15, 1998. This one month delay, until January 15, 1999, was discussed with and agreed upon, by Mr. N. Kalyanam of your staff.

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No new commitments are intended as a result of this letter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. H. McCarthy', is written over a rectangular box that serves as a placeholder for a printed name.

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