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The Honorable Alan Rosenthal, Chairman  
Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Sir:

Our area's experiences with the problems of the North Anna nuclear plant are enough to make one wonder about the whole concept of nuclear energy.

The photograph of the excavation before construction began, for example, reveals a fault line so large that any construction would seem an iffy proposition, let alone a massive nuclear plant and its accompanying large man made lake.

And the more recent revelations that the soil type has permitted uneven settling of important parts of the nuclear plant's operating equipment like the pump house have been even more disturbing. Soil tests, if indeed they took place, surely were sorely inadequate.

Needless to say, we rely upon you and your Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board to refuse any increase in VEPCO's "allowable settlement" and to hold a hearing that will make clear to the public the settlement conditions and risks beneath all North Anna buildings. And we urge you to investigate delays in reporting settling to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

Sincerely,

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