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Gentlemen:

**VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY**  
**NORTH ANNA POWER STATION UNITS 1 AND 2**  
**REVISED TESTING FREQUENCY OF THE**  
**POST ACCIDENT SAMPLING SYSTEM**

In our letter dated February 3, 1984 (Serial No. 757), we responded to a NRC request for information concerning the frequency of calibration and testing of the post accident sampling system (PASS). In our response, we indicated that the post accident sampling system would be tested on a monthly frequency. Since this is a shared system, testing of the Reactor Coolant System (RCS) sample and the containment air sample functions are performed twice monthly (i.e., once per month per unit). Each testing cycle demonstrates the required capabilities of the system for both liquid and gaseous samples.

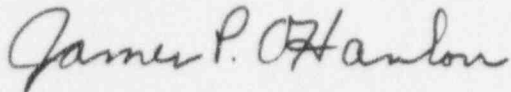
This testing commitment met the NRC guidelines for minimum testing of once every six months as identified for Criterion (10) to NUREG 0737, Item II.B.3, in NRC letter dated December 16, 1983. The NRC closed this item based on our response letter dated February 24, 1984.

We recently conducted a review of PASS availability data. It was determined that the post accident sampling system has maintained an annual availability of at least 96% since 1994. Based on our positive past performance, we believe that reducing the present PASS test commitment can be accomplished without degrading system capability or significantly affecting system availability. Therefore, we intend to test the RCS sample and containment air sample functions monthly. This will be achieved by drawing a sample from each unit's containment on an every other month basis. This test schedule will adequately exercise the capabilities of the system for both liquid and

gaseous samples and continues to meet the minimum guidelines identified in the NRC letter dated December 16, 1983.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James P. O'Hanlon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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