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NRC TO DISCUSS 2008 PERFORMANCE OF NORTH ANNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, April 7, with representatives of Dominion to discuss the agency's assessment of safety performance during 2008 at the North Anna nuclear power plant. The plant, operated by Dominion, is on Lake Anna about 40 miles northwest of Richmond, Va.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in the North Anna Nuclear Information Center Main Auditorium. The center is located on the North Anna plant site, 1022 Haley Drive in Mineral, Va.

After the formal presentation, NRC staff will be available to answer questions on the safety performance of the North Anna plant, as well as the NRC role in ensuring safe plant operation.

"Throughout the year, we inspect and review the performance of the North Anna plant and all commercial nuclear plants," NRC Region II Administrator Luis Reyes said. "We issue several inspection reports during the year and an overall annual assessment. This meeting allows us to discuss that assessment with the company, local officials and people near the plant."

A letter sent from the NRC Region II office to plant officials addresses the performance of the plant during 2008 and will serve as the basis for the meeting discussion. It is available on the NRC web site at: www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/na_2008q4.pdf.

The NRC found that North Anna's 2008 performance met all NRC safety objectives. This year, the NRC plans to continue conducting the very detailed inspections required at those plants operating well. In addition, the agency will complete some generic inspections, such as spent fuel storage and operator licensing exams, at the North Anna plant in 2009.

Current performance information for North Anna Unit 1 is available on the NRC web site at: www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/NA1/na1_chart.html. Current performance information for Unit 2 is at: www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/NA2/na2_chart.html.

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