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Dear Madam:

**NOTICE OF INQUIRY: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
ON SECTION 180(c) OF THE NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT  
POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

In the July 18, 1995 Federal Register, the NRC provided supplemental information on Section 180(c) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act policy and procedures. It stated that the Department of Energy (DOE) intends to implement a program of technical assistance and funds to states for training of public safety officials of appropriate units of local government and Indian tribes through whose jurisdiction the Secretary of Energy plans to transport spent nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste. The training would cover both safe routine transportation procedures and emergency response procedures.

Virginia Power encourages the DOE's efforts to solicit industry advice and recommendations in developing its options for policies and procedures and the applicability to the Section 180(c) mandate. However, Virginia Power is concerned that utilities will in effect be paying twice for the training of local governments and Indian tribes. Utilities that ship hazardous waste (which includes radioactive waste) are currently required to pay fees to the Department of Transportation for this training, and the Department of Energy is now proposing to use Nuclear Waste Policy Act funds for similar training. This matter was addressed in more detail in Nuclear Energy Institute's May 19, 1995 letter, which we endorse.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

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