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NORTH ANNA APPLICATION FOR NEW REACTOR AVAILABLE ON NRC WEBSITE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today made available the public version of a combined license (COL) application for a new reactor at the North Anna site near Richmond, Va.

The applicant, Dominion Virginia Power, submitted the application and associated information Nov. 27. The application, minus proprietary or security-related details, is available on the NRC Web site here: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col.html> .

Dominion's COL application seeks approval to build and operate an Economic and Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR) at the site, approximately 40 miles northwest of Richmond. The ESBWR is a 1,500 MWe design currently under NRC review for possible certification. The agency expects to complete its ESBWR review in mid-2010, and will consider those findings in any review of the North Anna application.

The NRC staff is currently conducting an initial check of the application to determine whether it contains sufficient information required for a formal review. If the application passes the initial check, the NRC will "docket," or accept it for review; this decision is expected in February. If the application is accepted, the NRC will then notice an opportunity for the public to request an adjudicatory hearing on the application.

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