

licensee in terms of the level of security needed to protect the public health and safety. The continued application of 10 CFR part 73 security requirements would cause the licensee to expend significantly more funds for security requirements than other source and byproduct facilities. Therefore, compliance with 10 CFR part 73 would result in costs significantly in excess of those incurred by others similarly situated. Based on the above, the NRC has determined that the removal of all special nuclear material from the 10 CFR part 50 licensed site constitutes special circumstances. The security of the special nuclear material will be maintained following relocation of the spent nuclear fuel to the 10 CFR part 72 licensed ISFSI since new assurance objectives and general performance requirements will be in place to protect the spent fuel by the security requirements in 10 CFR part 72. Therefore, protection of the special nuclear material will continue following relocation of the spent nuclear fuel from the 10 CFR part 50 licensed site.

#### 4.0 Conclusion

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), an exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest based on the continued maintenance of appropriate security requirements for the special nuclear material. Additionally, special circumstances are present based on the relocation of the spent nuclear fuel from the 10 CFR part 50 licensed site to the 10 CFR part 72 site. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants Sacramento Municipal Utility District an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(p) at the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 73.5, an exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest based on the maintenance of appropriate security requirements for the special nuclear material under the 10 CFR part 72 license. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants Sacramento Municipal Utility District an exemption from the physical protection requirements of 10 CFR part 73 at the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, "Finding of no significant impact," the Commission has previously determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the

human environment (66 FR 36017, July 10, 2001).

These exemptions are effective immediately.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of October, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**John A. Zwolinski,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-16]

### Virginia Electric and Power Company; Notice of Docketing of the Materials License SNM-2507 Amendment Application for the North Anna Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

By letter dated May 28, 2002, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Dominion) submitted an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) in accordance with 10 CFR part 72 requesting an amendment of the North Anna independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) license (SNM-2507) for the ISFSI located in Louisa County, Virginia. Dominion is seeking Commission approval to amend its license to change the ISFSI's technical specifications regarding the type of spent fuel authorized for storage. Dominion has requested to change the technical specifications to allow the storage of spent nuclear fuel with higher initial enrichment and burnup than currently specified.

This application was docketed under 10 CFR part 72; the ISFSI Docket No. is 72-16 and will remain the same for this action. The amendment of an ISFSI license is subject to the Commission's approval.

The Commission may issue either a notice of hearing or a notice of proposed action and opportunity for hearing in accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(1) or, if a determination is made that the amendment does not present a genuine issue as to whether public health and safety will be significantly affected, take immediate action on the amendment in accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(2) and provide notice of the action taken and an opportunity for interested persons to request a hearing on whether the action should be rescinded or modified.

For further details with respect to this application, see the application dated

May 28, 2002, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, One White Flint North Building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD or from the publicly available records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The NRC maintains ADAMS, which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. These documents may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-(800)-397-4209, (301)-415-4737 or by email to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of October, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION 2002

### Nuclear Safety Research Conference

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The 2002 Nuclear Safety Research Conference (NSRC), formerly known as the Water Reactor Safety Meeting, will be held October 28-30, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel at Metro Center, 775 12th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The NSRC is an international conference focused on regulatory issues, and it attracts researchers, regulators, and utility representatives from the United States and more than twenty other countries. The NSRC continues to be a leading forum in which participants interact with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff and colleagues and obtain research results and insights from research programs performed in support of the mission of the NRC.

Ashok C. Thadani, Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, will open the conference on Monday, October 28, 2002, at 8:30 a.m., and NRC Executive Director for Operations, William D. Travers, will follow as the keynote speaker.

An expert panel on advanced reactors will discuss the regulatory research