U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REGION I NOTICE OF LICENSEE MEETING

November 17, 2004

Licensee: PSEG Nuclear LLC

Facility: Salem and Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Stations

Docket Nos: 05000272, 05000311, 05000354

Date/Time: December 2, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Bridgeview Inn (was Ramada Inn) 1612 N. DuPont Highway I-295 and US-13 North New Castle, DE 19720 800-810-8511

- Purpose: This is an NRC-requested management meeting with PSEG, open to public observation, to review its actions to improve performance in the following areas:
 - Safety conscious work environment;
 - Problem identification and resolution;
 - Procedure adherence and other elements of human performance;
 - Quality of engineering products particularly as they relate to evaluation of degraded equipment and associated operational decision making; and
 - Role and function of quality assurance

These areas were identified in NRC's July 30, 2004 letter regarding work environment at the Salem and Hope Creek Generating Stations and in our August 30, 2004, letters that transmitted our mid-cycle assessments of performance at Salem and Hope Creek.

Background information on Salem and Hope Creek SCWE issues can also be found in an ADAMS package, Accession Number ML040610856. ADAMS is accessible for the NRC Web Site at: <u>www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html</u>.

NRC Attendees: S. Collins, Regional Administrator A. Blough, Director, Division of Reactor Projects E. Cobey, Chief, Projects Branch 3 D. Orr, Senior Resident Inspector, Salem M. Gray, Senior Resident Inspector, Hope Creek L. Jarriel, Agency Allegation Advisor, Office of Enforcement **PSEG Attendees:** C. Bakken, President and Chief Nuclear Officer M. Brothers, Vice President, Site Operations J. Carlin, Vice President, Nuclear Assessment M. Gallagher, Vice President, Engineering and Technical Support C. Perino, Director, Licensing and Nuclear Safety Public Participation: **This is a Category 1 Meeting**. The public is invited to observe this meeting. The NRC will answer questions from the public following the business portion of the meeting. Meeting Contact: Eugene Cobey, Chief - Projects Branch 3 610-337-5171

E-mail: ewc@nrc.gov

The NRC staff plans to conduct a separate management meeting, open to public observation, with PSEG to discuss its review of, and corrective actions for, an October 10, 2004, Hope Creek steam leak event. This meeting will occur prior to Hope Creek's startup from the current refueling outage.

Handicapped persons requiring assistance to attend the meeting shall make their requests known to the NRC meeting contact no later than two business days prior to the meeting. Attendance by NRC personnel at this meeting should be made known by November 30, 2004, via telephone to the NRC meeting contact.

Approved by: /RA by Daniel Orr Acting For/

Eugene Cobey, Chief Projects Branch 3 **Division of Reactor Projects**

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