

September 08, 2011

MEMORANDUM TO: Joseph Colaccino, Chief
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PSEG SITE EARLY SITE PERMIT APPLICATION GEOSCIENCES AND GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SITE AUDIT PLAN

A. Background

PSEG Power, LLC and PSEG Nuclear, LLC submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) information on the geology, seismology, and geotechnical characteristics of the PSEG Site as a part of their PSEG Site Early Site Permit (ESP) application. The staff reviewed documentation in Section 2.5 of the Site Safety Analysis Report (SSAR), Revision 0, and identified the need for an audit of the information related to selected areas of the geology, seismology and geotechnical sections of the SSAR. The audit will promote a better understanding of the detailed analyses and bases underlying the information in the formal application.

The purpose of this audit is for the staff to review the geology, seismology and geotechnical modeling and calculations, as well as analyses and results of selected soil samples. The audit will also include a field trip to view and observe outcrops, soil, and rock formation of the Site Area, possible faults extending to the Site Area, evidence of lineaments in the Site Area, and elliptical patches northeast of the Site, and other geological features unique to the proposed plant site. This audit will allow the staff to better understand the modeling results in order to make accurate safety conclusions concerning the site characteristics. Further, the audit will also assist the staff in identifying any additional information that the staff may need during its review of PSEG Site ESP application.

B. Regulatory Audit Bases

This regulatory audit is based on the following:

- NUREG 0800, "Standard Review Plan:"
 - Section 2.5.1, "Basic Geologic and Seismic Information"
 - Section 2.5.2, "Vibratory Ground Motion"
 - Section 2.5.3, "Surface Faulting"
 - Section 2.5.4, "Stability of Subsurface Materials and Foundations"
 - Section 2.5.5, "Stability of Slopes"
- Review Standard (RS)-002, "Guidance for Processing Applications for Early Site Permits"
- Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.206, "Combined License Applications for Nuclear Power Plants"

C. Regulatory Audit Scope or Methodology

- The area of focus for the audit is the PSEG Site ESP application and supporting documentation.

D. Information and Other Material Necessary for the Regulatory Audit

- PSEG Site ESP Application, Revision. 0, Section 2.5, "GEOLOGY, SEISMOLOGY, AND GEOTECHNICAL INFORMATION"

ENCLOSURE

E. Audit Team

The following are the audit team members:

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F. Logistics

Date/Time: September 29, 2011; 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
September 30, 2011; 8:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Location: Field Trip - Turkey Point Lighthouse

Onsite Audit

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G. Agenda (see Attachment)

H. Deliverables

The audit team will issue a regulatory audit summary within 90 days after completing the audit.

PSEG Site ESPA - Geosciences and Geotechnical Engineering Site Audit

**September 29 and 30, 2011
Salem, New Jersey**

Agenda

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Lead by

8:00 A.M.	Introduction/Opening of Audit (via Conference Call)	NRC/PSEG
10:30 A.M.	Field Trip to Turkey Point Lighthouse; Observe the Turkey Point Beds and Local Geologic Features	NRC/PSEG
2:00 P.M.	Presentation on PSEG Site Characteristics	PSEG
3:00 P.M.	Observation of Core Intervals in Boreholes of Undisturbed/Disturbed Samples of Borings Located at and Near the Foundation Footprint in the Vincentown Formation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Multiple Cores Representing the Local Stratigraphy, and Lateral and Vertical Variation in the Units	NRC
4:30 P.M.	Adjourn	

Friday, September 30, 2011

8:00 A.M.	Review of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Geotechnical Engineering Calculation Packages (Bearing Capacity, Settlement, Lateral Earth Pressure, and other packages, as necessary)○ Liquefaction Calculation Packages○ MACTEC Engineering Geotechnical Exploration and Testing Site Report (SSAR Reference 2.5.4.2-15)○ Site Response Analysis Calculation Packages○ Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis (PSHA) Implementation Related Calculation Packages○ Plots (or Electronic Copies) of all Individual Seismic Sources' Hazard Curves (for all Ground Motion Frequencies) Used in the PSHA Study○ Aerial Photographs of the Site Area and Region○ Maps of the SSAR Reconnaissance Routes○ Additional documents, as appropriate	NRC
11:30 A.M.	Lunch Break	
12:30 P.M.	Audit Exit - Public Meeting (Conference call format)	NRC
1:30 P.M.	Closing of Audit	NRC

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