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Sent: Monday, February 13, 2012 3:59 PM
To: Paul Duke
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Subject: Acceptance Review for TACs ME7938 an ME7939 - Salem Units 1 and 2
- Relief Request P-03

Paul,

By letter dated February 7, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12039A070), PSEG Nuclear LLC submitted relief request P-03 for the fourth 10-year inservice testing (IST) interval for Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2. The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Section 50.55a of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), requires that IST of certain American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code* (Code) Class 1, 2, and 3 pumps and valves be performed at 120-month (10-year) IST program intervals in accordance with the specified ASME Code and applicable addenda incorporated by reference in the regulations, except where alternatives have been authorized or relief has been requested by the licensee and granted by the NRC pursuant to paragraphs (a)(3)(i), (a)(3)(ii), or (f)(6)(i) of 10 CFR 50.55a.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed relief request in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1420.

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