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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE – INSPECTION REPORT NOS.
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Sincerely,

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Licensee: PSEG Nuclear LLC (PSEG)

Facility: Salem and Hope Creek Generating Stations

Location: P.O. Box 236
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Dates: May 21 – May 25, 2012

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

IR 05000272/2012503, 05000311/2012503, 05000354/2012503; 5/21/2012 - 5/25/2012; Salem and Hope Creek Generating Stations; Exercise Evaluation; Emergency Preparedness Performance Indicators.

This was an announced inspection conducted by three region-based inspectors and one resident inspector. No findings of significance were identified. The NRC's program for overseeing the safe operation of commercial nuclear power reactors is described in NUREG-1649, "Reactor Oversight Process," Revision 4, dated December 2006.

Cornerstone: Emergency Preparedness

A. NRC-Identified and Self-Revealing Findings

No findings were identified.

B. Licensee-Identified Findings

None.

REPORT DETAILS

1. REACTOR SAFETY

Cornerstone: Emergency Preparedness (EP)

1EP1 Exercise Evaluation (71114.01 – 1 Sample)

a. Inspection Scope

Prior to the May 22, 2012, emergency preparedness exercise, the NRC inspectors conducted an in-office review of the exercise objectives and scenario, which PSEG had submitted to the NRC, to determine if the exercise would test major elements of the Artificial Island Emergency Plan as required by 10 CFR 50.47(b)(14). This overall exercise inspection activity represented the completion of one sample on a biennial cycle.

The exercise evaluation consisted of the following review and assessment:

- The adequacy of PSEG's performance in the biennial full-participation exercise regarding the implementation of the risk-significant planning standards (RSPS) described in 10 CFR 50.47(b)(4), (5), (9), and (10), which are: emergency classification; offsite notification; radiological assessment; and protective action recommendations, respectively.
- The overall adequacy of PSEG's Salem and Hope Creek emergency response facilities with regard to NUREG-0696, "Functional Criteria for Emergency Response Facilities," and Emergency Plan commitments. The facilities assessed were the Hope Creek Control Room Simulator, Hope Creek Technical Support Center (TSC), and Emergency Operations Facility (EOF).
- A review of other performance areas, such as: the licensee emergency response organization's (ERO's) recognition of abnormal plant conditions; command and control; intra- and inter-facility communications; prioritization of mitigating activities; utilization of repair and field monitoring teams; interface with offsite agencies; staffing and procedure adequacy; and the overall implementation of the emergency plan and its implementing procedures.
- A review of past performance issues from the last NRC Salem and Hope Creek exercise inspection report and PSEG's EP drill reports, to determine the effectiveness of licensee corrective actions as demonstrated during the May 22, 2012, exercise and to ensure compliance with 10 CFR 50.47(b)(14).
- The licensee's post-exercise critiques, to evaluate PSEG's self-assessment of its ERO performance during the May 22, 2012, exercise and to ensure compliance with 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.2.g.

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The inspectors reviewed the documents listed in the attachment to this report.

b. Findings

No findings were identified.

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES (OA)

4OA1 Performance Indicator (PI) Verification (71151 – 3 Samples)

a. Inspection Scope

The inspectors reviewed data for the Salem and Hope Creek EP PIs, which are: (1) Drill and Exercise Performance (DEP); (2) Emergency Response Organization (ERO) Drill Participation; and, (3) Alert and Notification System (ANS) Reliability. The last NRC EP inspection at Artificial Island was conducted in the first calendar quarter of 2011, so the inspectors reviewed supporting documentation from EP drills, training records, and equipment tests from the first calendar quarter of 2011 through the first quarter of 2012, to verify the accuracy of the reported PI data. The review of these PIs was conducted in accordance with NRC Inspection Procedure 71151, using the acceptance criteria documented in NEI 99-02, "Regulatory Assessment Performance Indicator Guidelines," Revision 6.

This inspection activity represented the completion of three samples.

b. Findings

No findings were identified.

4OA6 Meetings, including Exit

On May 25, 2012, the inspectors presented the results of this inspection to Mr. J. Perry, Hope Creek Site Vice President, and other members of the PSEG staff. No proprietary information was provided to the inspectors during this inspection.

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ATTACHMENT

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

KEY POINTS OF CONTACT

Licensee Personnel

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LIST OF ITEMS OPENED, CLOSED, AND DISCUSSED

None.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS REVIEWED

Section 1EP1: Exercise Evaluation

PSEG Nuclear LLC Emergency Plan (Revision 69)
Salem and Hope Creek Generating Station Emergency Plan Implementing Procedures
Hope Creek May 22, 2012, Emergency Exercise Scenario Package
Salem and Hope Creek Emergency (As documented in Emergency Preparedness Graded Exercise
Critique Report H12-02, dated June 11, 2012)

Section 4OA1: Performance Indicator Verification

EP-AA-125-1001, EP Performance Indicator Guidance (Revision 0)
ERO Drill Participation PI data, January 2011 – March 2012
Alert Notification System PI data, January 2011 – March 2012
DEP PI data, January 2011 – March 2012

LIST OF ACRONYMS

ADAMS	Agencywide Documents Access and Management System
ANS	Alert Notification System
CR	Condition Report
DEP	Drill and Exercise Performance
EAL	Emergency Action Level
EOF	Emergency Operations Facility
EP	Emergency Preparedness
ERO	Emergency Response Organization
JIC	Joint Information Center
NEI	Nuclear Energy Institute
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
PARS	Publicly Available Records
PI	Performance Indicator
PSEG	Public Service Electric and Gas
RSPS	Risk Significant Planning Standard
TSC	Technical Support Center