

August 28, 2014

Ms. Wendi Weber, Regional Director  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Northeast Regional Office  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENT AND BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT FOR AN EARLY SITE  
PERMIT AT THE PSEG SITE

Dear Ms. Weber:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is reviewing an application submitted by PSEG Power, LLC, and PSEG Nuclear, LLC (PSEG), for an early site permit (ESP) for the PSEG Site. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Philadelphia District, is participating as a cooperating agency on the review of the proposed action that is being conducted under the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). As part of the review of the proposed action, the NRC and USACE review team has completed the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS), which includes a biological assessment (BA), to evaluate the environmental impacts from building and operating a new nuclear power plant at the PSEG Site, including impacts to Federally listed species. A copy of the DEIS, NUREG-2168, "Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the PSEG Site: Draft Report for Comment," is enclosed for your information and review. The BA is included in Appendix F to the DEIS.

The NRC and USACE plan to hold two public meetings to discuss the analyses and results in the DEIS on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at Salem Community College's Davidow Hall Auditorium, 460 Hollywood Avenue, Carneys Point, New Jersey 08069. The first meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m. and will continue until 4:00 p.m., as necessary. The second meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m., with a repeat of the overview portions of the first meeting, and will continue until 10:00 p.m., as necessary. The meetings will be transcribed and will include: (1) a presentation of the contents of the DEIS; and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report. Additionally, the NRC and USACE staff will host informal discussions one hour before the start of each meeting during which members of the public may meet and talk with NRC and USACE staff members on an informal basis. You and your staff are invited to attend.

To fulfill consultation requirements as required by the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended, and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) of 1934, as amended, please provide any information, comments, or concerns you may have on the DEIS and BA during the 75-day comment period, which ends on November 6, 2014. Comments can be submitted by several means: (1) by mail to the Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail

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Stop: 3WFN-06-A44MP, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; (2) by e-mail to [PSEGSite.ESPEIS@nrc.gov](mailto:PSEGSite.ESPEIS@nrc.gov); or (3) in person during the public meetings. In addition, the DEIS can be found online at the NRC's PSEG ESP specific webpage at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/esp/pseg.html>.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the NRC environmental project manager, Dr. Allen Fetter at 301-415-8556, or via e-mail to [Allen.Fetter@nrc.gov](mailto:Allen.Fetter@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Office of New Reactors

Docket No.: 52-043

Enclosure:  
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