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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT FOR AN EARLY SITE PERMIT AT THE PSEG SITE

Dear Dr. Foster:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is reviewing an application submitted by PSEG Power, LLC and PSEG Nuclear, LLC (PSEG) for an early site permit (ESP) application for construction and operation of one or more new nuclear power facilities at the PSEG Site near Salem, New Jersey. As part of its review of the proposed action, the NRC staff has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS), NUREG-2168, "Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP)". The enclosed draft EIS includes analyses of relevant environmental issues and documents the NRC staff's determination regarding the suitability of the proposed site for the construction and operation of one or more new nuclear power facilities. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Philadelphia District, is a cooperating agency on the draft EIS.

The NRC and USACE plan to hold two public meetings to go over the analyses and results in the draft EIS 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 draft EIS; 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.

Please provide any information, comments, or concerns you feel are appropriate on the draft EIS 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 Stop: 3WFN-06-A44MP, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; (2) by e-mail to PSEGSite.ESPEIS@nrc.gov; or (3) in person during the public meetings. In addition, the draft

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EIS 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.

Sincerely,

/RA Allen Fetter for/

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