

October 8, 2010

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT AND CONDUCT SCOPING RELATED TO AN EARLY SITE
PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE PSEG ESP SITE

Dear Mr. Lewis:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received an application by letter dated May 25, 2010, from PSEG Power, LLC and PSEG Nuclear, LLC (PSEG) for an early site permit (ESP) for the PSEG ESP Site. In support of the ESP application and in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 51 and 10 CFR Part 52, PSEG submitted an environmental report (ER) (ML101480763).

The NRC has prepared a notice of intent (NOI) that advises the public that the NRC intends to gather information necessary to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) in support of the review of the PSEG ESP application. The NRC intends to invite the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Philadelphia District, to participate in the preparation of the EIS as a cooperating agency. The purpose of cooperation with the Corps is to develop an environmental impact statement that serves the needs of the NRC license decision process and the Corps' permit decision process. Enclosed is a copy of the NOI which has been forwarded to the Office of the *Federal Register* for publication.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.28, PSEG is invited to participate in the environmental scoping process. As discussed in the enclosed notice, the NRC is providing the public with the opportunity to participate in environmental scoping meetings to be held Thursday, November 4, 2010, at the Salem Community College Performing Arts Theater (Davidow Hall) located at 460 Hollywood Avenue, Carneys Point, New Jersey. The first meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m., and will continue until approximately 4:00 p.m. 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 approximately 10:00 p.m. The NRC will present an overview of the environmental review process and will describe how the process will be implemented for the review of the PSEG ESP application. A separate NRC meeting notice with a more detailed agenda will be forthcoming.

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Should you have any questions regarding the scoping meetings or the environmental review, please contact Mr. Allen Fetter, NRC Environmental Project Manager at (301) 415-8556 or via e-mail to Allen.Fetter@nrc.gov or Ms. Alicia Williamson at (301) 415-1878 or via e-mail to Alica.Williamson@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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