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**IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED 10CFR50.59  
SALEM AND HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATIONS  
DOCKET NOS. 50-272, 50-311, AND 50-354**

The effective date for the revised 10CFR50.59 regulation was established in Federal Register Notice 65FR7773 as March 13, 2001. As discussed in Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2001-03, dated January 23, 2001, the NRC has stated that to permit an orderly transition to the revised rule, licensees may implement the rule later than this date. Although an exemption is not necessary, the RIS suggested that a licensee communicate its implementation plan to the NRC.

PSEG Nuclear, LLC has previously communicated to the senior resident inspectors for Salem and Hope Creek, Mr. Raymond Lorson and Mr. Joseph Schoppy, Jr., respectively, our intention to implement the new regulation on March 19, 2001. Due to administrative concerns affecting our ability to implement the associated procedures, we are delaying implementation until April 2, 2001. Until that time, we will continue to utilize our existing 10CFR50.59 review process. When the new process becomes effective, evaluations previously initiated under the old regulation may be completed in accordance with NRC guidance as directed in our revised procedure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Salamon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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