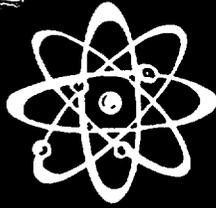


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PERMITS ISSUED FOR NUCLEAR POWER
PLANTS NEAR SALEM, NEW JERSEY

The Atomic Energy Commission's Division of Reactor Licensing has issued permits to Public Service Electric and Gas Company of Newark for construction of a two-unit nuclear power station near Salem, New Jersey.

Public Service will build the Salem Nuclear Generating Station on a 700-acre site on the southern part of Artificial Island on the east bank of the Delaware River in Lower Alloways Creek Township, about eight miles southwest of Salem. The generating station will use two pressurized water reactors. Each unit will have an initial capacity of 1,050,000 net electrical kilowatts.

The station will be designed and constructed by Public Service Electric and Gas Company and the nuclear steam supply systems will be furnished by Westinghouse Electric Corporation. The station will be owned by Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Philadelphia Electric Company, Delmarva Power and Light Company, and Atlantic City Electric Company. The estimated total cost of the two plants, excluding the nuclear fuel, is \$301 million. Public Service plans to begin operating one unit in 1972, the other in 1973.

Issuance of the permits follows reviews by the AEC Regulatory Staff and the Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards and a public hearing by an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. The board conducted the hearing August 15-16 in Salem and issued a decision on September 24 authorizing issuance of the permits. The permits and the board's decision are subject to review by the Commission and to any order the Commission may make on or before November 8, 1968.

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