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Concern over PSEG Nuclear's wanton disregard for operating safety at the Salem Nuclear Power Station

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November 14, 2004

James Dyer, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington D.C 20555

Dear Mr. Dyer,

I would like to express my concern over PSEG Nuclear's wanton disregard for operating safety at the Salem Nuclear Power Station. Their unwillingness to address the noisy pump reported in the New York Times on Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup> could be indicative of a pervasive propensity to cut corners and violates the trust given to their company in being authorized to profit from nuclear power.

Our saber-rattling Presidential administration is currently willing to threaten war with Iran over the management and control of this powerful and dangerous technological resource, and yet here on our own shores we find a company willing to gamble the operational safety of a nuclear reactor on the "probability" of an obviously compromised part's resistance to failure for "6 to 18 months".

One can only imagine what other "compromises" this company is willing to make in terms of safety and security. It seems obvious that PSEG Nuclear is unworthy of the trust our government has placed in them and that they are endangering our citizens to increase their own profits. I believe the NRC should severely rebuke PSEG Nuclear, insist that this faulty part be replaced, and thoroughly review their facilities to ensure that no further compromises are evident.

If they refuse to cooperate, the NRC should revoke this company's right to profit from Nuclear power. These facilities must be operated under policies free from any hint of compromise. Nuclear power plants represent our single largest vulnerability from terrorist attack and, while it is arguable that the Salem pump has backups and fail-safes, this willingness to take unnecessary risk could presage more pervasive and potentially dangerous lapses in the judgment of PSEG's management.

PSEG Nuclear deserves serious fines, reprimand, and scrutiny for endangering our citizens.

Sincerely,



Steve Hamilton  
New York City