

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DATE: FEB 12 1965

FROM : John F. Newell, Chief
Site-Environmental Branch
Division of Reactor Licensing

SUBJECT: PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY PEACH BOTTOM PLANT; TELEPHONE
DISCUSSION WITH L. D. STRINGER, ACTING CHIEF, BRANCH OF
SHELL FISHERIES, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

I called Mr. Stringer at 9:35 A.M. on January 26, 1965, to ascertain the status of the Fish and Wildlife Service comments on the subject project.

Mr. Stringer advised me that a letter transmitting Dr. Ted Rice's report was "in preparation" and he anticipated that it would be dispatched to the AEC on January 27, 1965.

I asked Mr. Stringer if the F&WL had any problem concerning the project. He replied to the negative, stating that the letter and report reflected the general comments he had previously expressed to me. (See memo to files dated January 5, 1965.)

On January 29, 1965, I received a telephone call from Mr. Stringer at about 3:00 P.M. He told me that the Director of the Bureau of Fisheries, Mr. McKernan, did not want to transmit Ted Rice's report to AEC until comments were received from the States of Pennsylvania and Maryland; he directed Mr. Stringer to send Dr. Rice's report to the Bureau's Regional Office in Gloucester, Massachusetts with a request for the Regional Director to obtain these comments. Mr. Stringer said this would cause a delay of two or three weeks in our receipt of the Fish and Wildlife report. He further stated that he felt there would be no problems, but that Mr. McKernan believed the above procedure should be followed in view of the fact that the states Natural Resources people had not commented on this project since June 1962. At that time, the Maryland Natural Resources Division had commented that the biological surveys carried out by the applicant should be reported by a public agency instead of by the applicant.

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I told Mr. Stringer that we had contacted the State Health Departments of Pennsylvania and Maryland who had assured us that they had no problems. Also, I advised him that we were about to publish a notice in the Federal Register of the intent to issue a license for a one megawatt operation.