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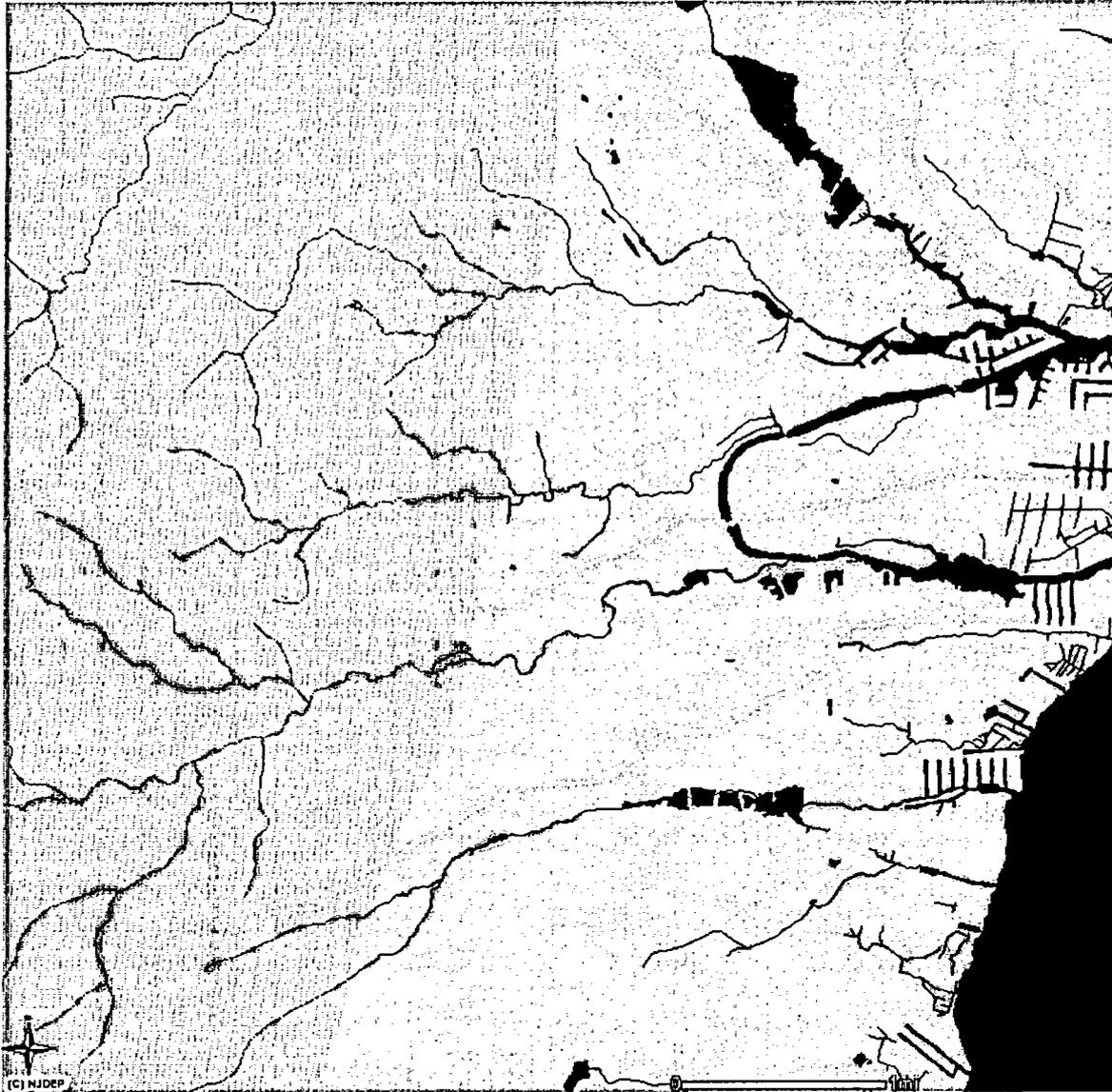
Thank you for coming to the New Jersey Shore and explaining the NRC's Environmental Impact Statement process for the proposed Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station life extension. I commented at the July 12, 2006 public meeting and noted the following:

The Atomic Energy Commission issued a final EIS for Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station in 1974. Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station ascended to operation in 1969 and the EIS is an "after the fact" EIS.

Figure 2-3 (OCNGS site boundary map), on page 2-4, delineates both Oyster Creek and the South Branch Forked River west of the Station with dotted lines. (Usually, dotted lines indicate watercourses of an intermittent nature). The USGS quad for the area delineates both streams with solid blue lines, well beyond the Garden State Parkway to the west. The NJDEP maps indicate that both streams are watershed of the Pinelands National Reserve,

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Section 2.1.7 – Power Transmission System is silent with respect to the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station output power transformer(s)..... Location, ownership, responsibility, secondary containment?

Section 2.2.2 – Water Use. The statement regarding “less than 100,000 gallons per day” on lines 27 & 28, page 2-19, is incorrect. The 100,000 gpd is a regulatory threshold in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:19- 1.4 of the New Jersey Water Supply Allocation Rules. Also, Section 2.2.2 references NJDEP permits and metering for on-site water wells and is silent regarding the proposed continuous diversion of the entire South Branch Forked River fresh watershed (the product of a federal initiative). In my opinion, all water resources should be identified and quantified because the proposed action has direct impacts.

The discussion about the applicant’s alternative closed loop cooling system was shallow because it failed to link any air pollutant emissions with cooling water quality.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft EIS. Please contact me if you have any questions or require clarification.

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