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State of New Jersey
Department of Environmental Protection
John Fitch Plaza, CN 229
Trenton NJ 08625

**Re: Application submitted by: PSEG Nuclear LLC
Regarding property at: Salem and Hope Creek Generating Stations
Alloway Creek Neck Road
Block 26, Lots 4, 4.01, 5, 5.01
Lower Alloways Creek Township, New Jersey, Salem County**

Dear Interested Party:

We are sending you this letter to inform you that PSEG Nuclear LLC is submitting an application for a permit or approval to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) under the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act rules, N.J.A.C. 7:7A. The permit or approval will either establish the boundary of freshwater wetlands on the above property, or will authorize PSEG to conduct regulated activities on the property.

Specifically, PSEG is applying for the following approval(s):

- Letter of interpretation (establishes the official boundary line of any regulated freshwater wetlands, open waters, or transition areas on the property, and if freshwater wetlands are present, identifies their resource value)
- General permit authorization (authorizes regulated activities, such as construction or development, in wetlands and adjacent transition areas)
- Individual transition area waiver (authorizes regulated activities, such as construction or development, in areas adjacent to wetlands)
- Individual freshwater wetlands permit (authorizes regulated activities, such as construction or development, in both wetlands and adjacent transition areas)
- Open water fill permit (authorizes regulated activities, such as construction or development, in open waters)

The activities for which my application requests NJDEP approval are (we have checked all of those that apply):

- No regulated activities, just establishing where regulated wetlands (if any) are found on the property(ies)
- Cutting or clearing of trees and/or other vegetation
- Placement of pavement or other impervious surface

- ___ Placement of one or more buildings or other structures
- ___ Expansion of existing pavement, buildings, or other structures
- ___ Other (describe):

If you would like to review a copy of the application, it is on file at the Municipal Clerk's Office in Lower Alloways Creek Township, or you can call the NJDEP at (609) 777-0454 to make an appointment to see the application at NJDEP offices in Trenton during normal business hours.

The rules governing freshwater wetlands permits and approvals are found in the NJDEP's Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act rules at N.J.A.C. 7:7A. You can view or download these rules on the NJDEP Land Use Regulation Program website at www.state.nj.us/dep/landuse, or you can find a copy of these rules in the county law library in your county courthouse. As part of the NJDEP's review of the application, NJDEP personnel may visit the property, and the portion of any neighboring property that lies within 150 feet of the property line, to perform a site inspection. This site inspection will involve only a visual inspection and possibly minor soil borings using a 4" diameter hand auger. The inspection will not result in any damage to vegetation or to property improvements.

The NJDEP welcomes any comments you may have on the application. If you wish to comment on the application, comments should be submitted to the NJDEP in writing within 30 days after the Department publishes a notice of the application in the DEP Bulletin. The Department shall consider all written comments submitted within this time. The Department may, in its discretion, consider comments submitted after this date. Comments cannot be accepted by telephone. Please submit any comments you may have in writing, along with a copy of this letter, to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Land Use Regulation
PO Box 439
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
Attn: Salem County Section Chief

When the NJDEP has decided whether or not the application qualifies for approval under the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act rules, NJDEP will notify the municipal clerk of the final decision on the application.

If you have questions about the application, you can contact us at the addresses below.

Sincerely,



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