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RE: Visual Impact Assessment, Hope Creek-Salem Nuclear Power Plant

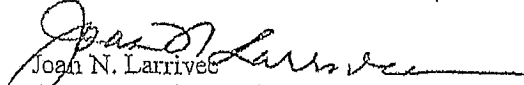
Dear Mr. Pantazes:

Thank you for providing us with the Visual Impact Assessment report for the above project. We found the differences which resulted from field checking the properties versus the results of the GIS study quite interesting. Upon review of this report, it was difficult to get a visual sense of the overall effect of the sampling method used because Figures 1 through 5 did not differentiate between those properties which were field-checked versus those which were not. Possibly using different symbols for each category would have made this clearer. Many of the field-checked properties were very close to each other and without maps to show where the field checking took place it is difficult to determine if the sampling patterning was appropriate.

In hindsight, we suggest that a field check of all of the properties in Delaware would have been the best approach so that we would truly know which of the 80 Delaware properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places will be visually impacted by the project. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) may need to expand its base of information in order to appropriately assess the visual effect of this project on all properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

I have copied the two consulting parties required under the Section 106 review process and ask that as the project moves forward, they continue to be kept apprised of the status. We look forward to working with the NRC and PSEG in continuing the consultation process. If you have questions, please contact me. I can be reached at joan.larrivee@state.de.us or 302-736-7406.

Sincerely,


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