

November 17, 2015

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT FOR AN EARLY SITE PERMIT FOR THE PSEG SITE

Dear Mr. Nelson:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Philadelphia District, as a cooperating agency, have completed the final environmental impact statement (EIS) for an early site permit (ESP) at the PSEG Site, located in Lower Alloways Creek Township, Salem County, New Jersey, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. A copy of the final EIS, NUREG-2168, "Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the PSEG Site, Final Report," is included with this letter for your information.

A notice of availability of the final EIS is anticipated to be published by the NRC on November 20, 2015, in the *Federal Register*. The final EIS is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, First Floor, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, and from the publicly available records component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access Management System (ADAMS) under the Accession Numbers ML15316A283, ML15316A072, and ML15317A455. The final EIS is also available directly on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/esp/pseg#feis>.

As discussed in Section 2.7.3 of the final EIS, the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office reviewed the architectural survey reports for sites within the area of potential effect and on September 25, 2013, issued a finding of "no adverse effect" for the PSEG ESP project on any properties listed on or eligible for listing on the *National Register of Historic Places* in Delaware, thereby completing consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

On December 4, 2014, the NRC staff received a revised opinion from the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office (NJ HPO) stating that the visual intrusion of two new natural draft cooling towers (if selected), would result in an adverse effect to the Abel and Mary Nicholson House National Historic Landmark (NHL). In response, the NRC conducted additional site visits and NHPA, Section 106 consultation meetings with your office, the NJ HPO, PSEG, the National Park Service, and interested parties. On June 24 2015, the NRC staff notified the consulting parties stating its determination that the activities analyzed would result in an indirect visual adverse effect to three properties in New Jersey (the Abel and Mary Nicholson House NHL, the property at 349 Fort Elfsborg-Hancock Bridge Road, and the property at 116 Mason Point Road) if natural

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Dr. Allen Fetter, Environmental Project Manager, at 301-415-8556 or by email at Allen.Fetter@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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