

May 11, 2016

Ms. Lingard Knutson
NEPA Program Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 2
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New York, NY 10007

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF THE SUMMARY RECORD OF DECISION FOR AN EARLY SITE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE PSEG SITE

Dear Ms. Knutson:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) has issued an early site permit (ESP), ESP-005 (Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16084A798) to PSEG Power, LLC and PSEG Nuclear, LLC (PSEG). Under Section 2.106 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), the NRC staff is providing notice of the issuance of an ESP and, under 10 CFR 51.102(c), the record of decision (ROD).

On March 24, 2016, the Atomic Safety Licensing Board (ASLB) conducted a mandatory hearing on the PSEG Site ESP application. The ASLB rendered, LBP-16-04, "Initial Decision" (ADAMS Accession No. ML16117A383) related to the mandatory hearing, and consistent with 10 CFR 2.340(f) and on behalf of the Commission, directed the staff to issue the ESP for the PSEG Site. The ASLB's initial decision constitutes the NRC's ROD. The NRC also prepared a document summarizing the ROD to accompany its action on the ESP application that incorporates by reference materials contained in NUREG-2168, "Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the PSEG Site, Final Report" (Accession No. ML15176A444). Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Summary ROD. This hearing decision, dated April 26, 2016, authorized the NRC staff to issue the Permit No. ESP-005. The ESP and Summary ROD were issued on May 5, 2016, and the ESP is effective immediately.

If you would like further information regarding the licensing issuance of the ESP the licensing decision, related documents such as documentation included in the ESP package, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-room/adams.html>. From this website, persons can access the NRC's ADAMS, which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents.

Other documents related to the permit are included in the table below:

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If you have any questions concerning this action, the environmental project managers for the PSEG Site ESP application are Dr. Allen Fetter, who can be reached at 301-415-8556 or via e-mail Allen.Fetter@nrc.gov; or Ms. Tomeka Terry at 301-415-1488 or via e-mail at Tomeka.Terry@nrc.gov.

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