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Salem Generating Station, Units 1 and 2
Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-70 and DPR-75
NRC Docket Nos. 50-272 and 50-311

Subject: Response to Request for Additional Information Concerning Request for an Extension to Enforcement Guidance Memorandum 12-001

References: 1. NRC letter to PSEG, Salem Generating Station, Units 1 and 2 – Response to Request for Additional Information Concerning Request for an Extension to Enforcement Guidance Memorandum 12-001 (CAC Nos. MF8173 and MF8174), dated August 11, 2016.

In the referenced letter, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requested PSEG Nuclear LLC (PSEG) to provide additional information in order to continue to receive enforcement discretion detailed within Enforcement Guidance Memorandum (EGM) 12-001. Attachment 1 provides a detailed response to the request for additional information.

There are no regulatory commitments contained in this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tanya Timberman at 856-339-1426.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul R. Duke, Jr.".

Paul R. Duke, Jr.
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Attachment 1

Response to Request for Additional Information

**Response to Request for Additional Information Regarding
Request for Extension to Enforcement Guidance Memorandum 12-001
Salem Generating Station, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-272 and 50-311**

By letter dated July 27, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16209A013), PSEG Nuclear LLC (PSEG, the licensee) requested an extension of the enforcement discretion authorized in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Enforcement Guidance Memorandum (EGM) 12-001, "Dispositioning Noncompliance with Administrative Controls Technical Specifications Programmatic Requirements that Extend Test Frequencies and Allow Performance of Missed Tests," dated February 24, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML 11258A243), for the Salem Nuclear Generating Station (Salem), Unit Nos. 1 and 2. EGM 12-001 provides guidance on how to disposition licensee noncompliance with Technical Specification (TS) Section 5.0, "Administrative Controls," TS 5.5., "Program and Manuals," testing requirements that make available surveillance requirement (SR) 3.0.2 or SR 3.0.3 or both.

In EGM 12-001, the NRC stated that in order to continue to receive enforcement discretion, affected licensees shall submit a license amendment request (LAR) that is accepted by the NRC staff for review, within 4 months after the issuance of the notice of availability (NOA) of the model LAR, model safety evaluation, and model no-significant-hazards consideration determinations. The NOA for Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) Traveler TSTF-545, "TS Inservice Testing Program (IST) Removal" (ADAMS Accession No. ML 15181A045), which includes the model LAR, safety evaluation, and no-significant-hazards consideration determinations, was issued on March 28, 2016. EGM 12-001 states that the NRC will consider extending the 4-month submittal period on a case-by-case basis, with adequate justification from the licensee.

In its letter dated July 27, 2016, PSEG states that, "Due to the current level of activity associated with returning Salem, Unit No. 1, to service from extended outage," it is requesting an extension as provided for in EGM 12-001. Because of the limited level of detail provided, it is unclear to the NRC staff whether the "current level of activity" provides an adequate justification. Therefore, the NRC staff requests that PSEG provide a summary description of the "current level of activity," including a discussion of importance or safety significance, if applicable, of the "current level of activity."

PSEG Response:

Salem Unit 1 was returned to service from refueling outage 1R24 on July 30, 2016. The outage began on April 14, 2016 and was extended to include replacement of reactor baffle to former bolts. Major scopes of safety significant work required to return Salem Unit 1 to service included:

- Completion of required baffle to former bolt replacements;
- Technical Specification required surveillance testing, including the Type A containment integrated leak rate test after core reload; and
- Post-maintenance testing to assure OPERABILITY of systems required for Unit 1 return to service.