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Subject: Acceptance Review - Hope Creek LAR to Adopt TSTF-545 (MF8166)

Paul and Brian,

By letter dated July 20, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16203A006), PSEG Nuclear LLC (the licensee, PSEG) submitted a license amendment request for Hope Creek Generating Station (Hope Creek). The amendment request would revise the Hope Creek technical specifications (TSs) to eliminate TS 6.8.4.i, "Inservice Testing Program," consistent with TSTF-545, Revision 3, "TS Inservice Testing Program Removal & Clarity SR [Surveillance Requirement] Usage Rule Application to Section 5.5 Testing."

The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of the license amendment request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with 10 CFR, Section 50.90, an application for amendment to the license must fully describe the changes requested, and must follow, as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

The NRC staff has completed its acceptance review of your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Michael Marshall at (301) 415-2871 or michael.marshall@nrc.gov.

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