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Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 7:14 AM
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Subject: Acceptance Review - Salem Units 1 and 2 - Amendment Request to Extend Allowed Outage Time for Containment Fan Coil Unit (CAC Nos., MF9364 & MF9365)

Paul,

By letter dated March 6, 2017 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17065A241), PSEG Nuclear LLC (PSEG) submitted a license amendment request for Salem Nuclear Generating Station (Salem), Unit Nos. 1 and 2. The amendment would revise Technical Specification (TS) 3.6.2.3, "Containment Cooling System," to extend the containment fan coil unit (CFCU) allowed outage time from 7 days to 14 days for one or two inoperable CFCUs.

The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of this 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 Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), an amendment to the license (including the TSs) must fully describe the changes requested, and following 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.

By letter dated April 24, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17102A865), the NRC staff notified PSEG of specific supplemental information that needed to be submitted to enable the staff to begin its detailed review. By letter dated May 4, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17125A051), PSEG provided the supplemental information.

The NRC staff has reviewed the supplemental information and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment request 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.

Based on the information provided in your submittal, the NRC staff has estimated that this request will take approximately 430 hours to complete. The NRC staff expects to complete this review by March 6, 2018, consistent with your requested one year review timeframe. If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review that would cause changes to the initial

forecasted completion date or significant changes in the forecasted hours, the reasons for the changes, along with the new estimates, will be communicated during our routine interactions.

These estimates are based on the NRC staff's initial review of the application and they could change, due to several factors including requests for additional information and unanticipated addition of scope to the review.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1420.

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