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NJ Department of Environmental Protection and Energy
Bureau of Communications and Support Services
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Dear Sirs:

RETRACTION OF DISCHARGE REPORT
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY
SALEM GENERATING STATION
CASE NO. 92-11-18-0837-54

On November 18, 1992, PSE&G reported a discharge of battery acid from a ruptured battery to a stone surfaced at the Salem Generating Station.

Upon investigation, PSE&G has determined that this discharge was to an impermeable asphalt area as defined in NJAC 7:1E-1.6. All acid was neutralized and cleaned up by the response personnel and the area restored to normal with no discharge into the waters or lands of the State in accordance with the requirements of the definition of "leak". It is PSE&G's interpretation of the regulations that as this incident involved a leak onto a surfaced area and was cleaned up immediately as provided in NJAC 7:1E-1.6, it is exempt from this reporting requirement.

PSE&G believes and maintains that it acted in accordance with the intent of NJAC 7:1E-5.3 which requires all major facilities to notify NJDEPE of discharges of potentially hazardous substances in any concentration.

Should you have any questions on this issue, please feel free to contact Paul Behrens of my staff at (609) 339-1577.

Sincerely,

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Manager -
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