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Mr. Steven R. Mathis
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Division of Facility Wide Enforcement
Southern Bureau of Water and Hazardous Waste Enforcement
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Dear Mr. Mathis:

SALEM GENERATING STATION
NJPDES PERMIT NO. NJ0005622
REPORTED DISCHARGE OF LUBRICATING OIL AT SWIS
CASE NO. 93-05-04-1501-34

On May 4, 1993, Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) Company reported a suspected discharge of lubricating oil from a traveling screen at the Salem Generating Station's Service Water Intake Structure (SWIS). The service water system mixes with the Station's circulating water system and discharges to the Delaware River under the terms of NJPDES Permit No. NJ0005622. The discharge was reported to the NJDEPE Hotline and was issued Case No. 93-05-04-1501-34 by Operator 5.

The discharge report was based upon the discovery of a thick tarry substance in the service water strainer serving the No. 14 service water pump. It was initially believed that the tarry substance in the strainer was the result of a leak of lubricating oil from the traveling screen chain. However, upon investigation of the No. 14 traveling screen and adjacent areas, no conclusive evidence of an oil source could be identified. The tarry substance in the strainer is now believed to have been drawn in directly from the Delaware River and not the result of a facility discharge.

PSE&G believes and maintains that it acted in accordance with the intent of NJAC 7:14A-3.10 which requires permittees to notify NJDEPE of discharges of hazardous pollutants without a permit. However, based upon our investigation, no NJPDES permit violation occurred.

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If you have any questions or require additional information,
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Sincerely,


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