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## NRC Begins Special Inspection at Hope Creek Nuclear Power Plant

**KING OF PRUSSIA, Pa.** — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission launched a special inspection at the Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Station to review the circumstances of a loss of offsite power during a recent winter storm. The plant, operated by PSEG Nuclear LLC, is in Hancocks Bridge, New Jersey.

The NRC determined a special inspection was warranted because switchyard issues caused the plant to unexpectedly lose its preferred source of electrical power for safety systems.

“We want to ensure PSEG is taking appropriate steps to understand the conditions that caused the power loss,” said acting Region I Administrator Ray McKinley. “Our inspectors will evaluate the company’s analysis of the event, as well as the steps being taken to ensure the plant avoids similar events in the future.”

On Feb. 23, plant operators declared an Unusual Event and safely shut down the plant after safety systems lost connection to incoming power lines. Emergency generators automatically started to provide power to essential plant equipment. The plant restored offsite power later that day, and the reactor remains safely shut down.

Once the inspection is complete, NRC inspectors will document their findings in a publicly available inspection report, which will be distributed electronically to listserv subscribers and available on the NRC [website](#).

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