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NRC TO MEET WITH PSEG NUCLEAR TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE AT SALEM AND HOPE CREEK NUCLEAR PLANTS

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of PSEG Nuclear LLC on Monday, July 9, discuss the results of the agency's annual assessment of safety performance at the Salem and Hope Creek nuclear generating stations in Hancocks Bridge, N.J.

The meeting, which will be open to the public for observation, will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the PSEG Processing Center Auditorium at the plant site. NRC officials will be available afterwards for informal individual discussions with meeting observers.

The performance period to be discussed is April 1, 2000, to March 31, 2001. Overall, the NRC found that the plants operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety and fully met all cornerstone objectives during the period. A letter sent from the NRC Region I office to PSEG addresses plant performance during the period and will serve as the basis for the meeting discussion. The Salem letter is available on the NRC web site at:

<u>www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/salm_2001q1.pdf.</u> The Hope Creek letter is posted on the NRC web site at:

www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/hope 2001q1.pdf.

Current performance information for Salem Unit 1 is available on the NRC web site at: www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/SALM1/salm1 chart.html; Salem Unit 2 is available at: www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/SALM2/salm2 chart.html; and Hope Creek performance information is posted at: www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/HOPE/hope_chart.html.

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