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NRC, PSE&G TO DISCUSS LESSONS LEARNED FROM SALEM UNIT 2 RESTART

Lessons learned during the restart of the Salem nuclear power plant's Unit 2 will be the subject of a meeting on Thursday, December 4, between Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff and officials of Public Service Electric & Gas (PSE&G) Company, the facility's operator.

The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Access Processing Facility at the plant, located in Hancocks Bridge, N.J. It will be open to the public for observation.

Salem Unit 2 resumed power production this fall following a more than two-year shutdown. During the outage, PSE&G addressed multiple programmatic problems, repaired degraded equipment and improved corrective action processes. The NRC and PSE&G will review not only the work involved in Unit 2's restart but also how the lessons learned during that effort can be applied to the restart of Unit 1, which has been out of service since May 16, 1995.

After the reactors were shut down, the NRC issued a Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL), on June 9, 1995, detailing changes the utility needed to make to improve the plant and requiring that the reactor remain off-line until those commitments were met. The CAL was modified last August to allow the restart of Unit 2. The December 4 meeting will satisfy the last remaining item in that letter pertaining to Unit 2.

The CAL remains in place for Unit 1, pending the resolution of its restart issues. .

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