

December 23, 1999

Mr. Harold W. Keiser
President and Chief Nuclear Officer
PSEG Nuclear LLC
Post Office Box 236
Hancocks Bridge, NJ 08038

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-354/99-08

Dear Mr. Keiser:

On October 28, 1999, the NRC completed an inspection of your Hope Creek facility. This inspection encompassed both a baseline problem identification and resolution inspection and a review of recent problems in the licensed operator training area. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection. The preliminary findings were presented to PSEG management on October 28, 1999 and a final exit was held on November 23, 1999.

This inspection was a review of activities conducted under your license as related to identification and resolution of problems; licensed operator training qualification and effectiveness; compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations; and, with the conditions of your license. Within these areas the inspection consisted of a selected examination of procedures and representative records, observations of activities, and interviews with personnel. Negative findings were assessed using the significance determination process; all findings either "screened out" of the process or were determined to be within the licensee response band (Green).

Based upon the sample reviewed during this inspection, your identification of issues was appropriately being captured in your corrective action process. No significant findings were identified. However, as identified by your staff and the NRC, human performance issues, including failure to follow procedures, are of concern. A number of human performance issues have occurred throughout all departments at the station over the past couple of years. The NRC recognizes that you have rolled up all previously issued human performance problems into two station "notification reports" and that you are currently assessing the problem. Your actions in addressing these issues are subject to future NRC inspection activities.

PDR ADOCIC

IB01

Mr. Harold W. Keiser

-2-

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
BRIAN E. HOLIAN FOR:

Wayne D. Lanning, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No. 50-354

Enclosure: Inspection Report 50-354/99-08

cc w/encl:

L. Storz, Senior Vice President - Nuclear Operations
E. Simpson, Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer
M. Bezilla, Vice President - Nuclear Operations
D. Garchow, Vice President - Technical Support
M. Trum, Vice President - Maintenance
T. O'Connor, Vice President - Plant Support
E. Salowitz, Director - Nuclear Business Support
G. Salamon, Manager - Licensing
A. F. Kirby, III, External Operations - Nuclear, Delmarva Power & Light Co.
J. McMahon, Director - QA/Nuclear Training/Emergency Preparedness
R. Kankus, Joint Owner Affairs
A. Tapert, Program Administrator
J. J. Keenan, Esquire
Consumer Advocate, Office of Consumer Advocate
W. Conklin, Public Safety Consultant, Lower Alloways Creek Township
M. Wetterhahn, Esquire
State of New Jersey
State of Delaware
J. Guinan, NJ PIRG
N. Cohen, Coalition for Peace and Justice
R. Fisher
F. Berryhill
B. August

Mr. Harold W. Keiser

-3-

Distribution w/encl:

Region I Docket Room (with concurrences)
 Nuclear Safety Information Center (NSIC)
 NRC Resident Inspector
 PUBLIC
 H. Miller, RA/J. Wiggins, DRA
 G. Meyer, DRP
 S. Barr, DRP
 L. Harrison, DRP
 C. O'Daniell, DRP
 L. Prividy, DRS
 R. Conte, DRS
 P. Bissett, DRS
 DRS File

Distribution w/encl: (via e-mail)

J. Yerokun, OEDO
 E. Adensam, NRR
 J. Clifford, NRR
 R. Ennis, PM, NRR
 Inspection Program Branch, NRR (IPAS)
 R. Correia, NRR
 C. See, NRR
 DOCDESK

DOCUMENT NAME: G:\HPEPB\BISSETT\HC9908.WPD

To receive a copy of this document, indicate in the box: "C" = Copy without attachment/enclosure "E" = Copy with attachment/enclosure "N" = No copy

OFFICE	RI/DRS	E	RI/DRS	RI/DRP	HQ/NRR	RI/DRS
NAME	PBissett <i>DMB</i>		RConte <i>RC</i>	GMeyer <i>GM</i>	TFrye <i>TF</i>	WLanning <i>WL</i>
DATE	12/20/99		12/20/99	12/20/99	12/20/99	12/20/99

DMB
12/23/99

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

DMB