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Julie,

I have attached NRC's comments on the draft biological opinion for Salem. PSEG has committed to getting NRC comments by COB Friday (1/6). I will pass those on to you as soon as we receive them. I would also like to touch base with you this week to talk about the possibility of a site visit, as I had mentioned in my voicemail. I will be in the office all week, so you should be able to reach me. Thanks,

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NRC Comments on Draft Salem Biological Opinion

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Page	Paragraph	Comment
Cover Letter		Add Briana Balsam, NRC to the CC list.
Overall Comment		Some parenthetical references place a comma between the author and date, while some do not.
1	2	Change " <i>Draft</i> " to " <i>Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement...dated March 2011.</i> " The BiOp refers to the final on page 12, and a few other places. Consistency on this reference should be checked throughout BiOp.
4	1	Change "NYDEP" to "NJDEP."
15	1	This paragraph refers to dates that have passed (September 16, 2011 and April 11, 2011) for listing actions on the loggerhead. This should be updated to reflect the current status.
68	4	Should the sentence "This Opinion examines the likely effects (direct and indirect) of the proposed action on shortnose sturgeon in the action area..." also include sea turtles?
77	3	In the last sentence, "...any potential loss of potential shortnose sturgeon" should be reworded to remove one of the two uses of "potential."
98	Reasonable and Prudent Measure #2	Modify to say: "All sea turtle and shortnose sturgeon impingements associated with the SNGS and sea turtle and shortnose sturgeon sightings in the action area must be reported to NMFS and NRC. "
100	Term and Condition #7	Similar to the above comment, add "and NRC" to the notification requirement.
100	Term and Condition #8	Require PSEG to submit an annual report to both NMFS and NRC.
101	Term and Condition #14	Why is this term and condition worded that "NRC must require" rather than that "PSEG must collect fin clips"? The second wording option would be more consistent with the previous terms and conditions.

103	5	The concluding paragraph refers to “a license proposed for issuance by the NRC.” However, the NRC issued renewed licenses for Salem and Hope Creek on June 30, 2011. The renewed licenses expire on August 13, 2036 (Salem 1), April 18, 2040 (Salem 2), and April 11, 2046 (Hope Creek).
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