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**Date: 10/29/03**

**To: Wayne D. Lanning**

**Dear Mr. Lanning:**

**This letter is in response to your letter of October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003, to Roy Anderson, Chief Nuclear Officer of PSEG. The subject of the letter was the NRC Special Inspection Report No. 05000272/200306; 05000311/20030006. That letter reviewed the findings of the special inspection of the tritium leak at Salem Unit 1.**

**On behalf of the 109 organizations that comprise the UNPLUG Salem Campaign, which watchdogs the two Salem Nuclear Plants, I must disagree with your decision to give PSEG a Green finding.**

**Here are some reasons why we feel that PSEG deserves a White finding. From the NRC's own words on page 14 of the NRC brochure on the Reactor Oversight Process, the NRC states: "Green indicates that performance is acceptable and no additional NRC oversight is needed." If no additional oversight was needed, why did the NRC dispatch its special inspection team? If no additional oversight was needed, why did the NRC special inspection team review "various corrective action documents associated with the leakage of water through the Unit 1 FHB walls to ensure that PSEG was identifying, evaluating, and correcting identified problems" (page 5 of the enclosure to the 10/15 NRC inspection report)?**

**Your report noted that PSEG "did not maintain records, in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.75(g) of spills or other unusual occurrences involving the spread of contamination around the facility, equipment, or site (page 9)." This violation alone should be grounds for a White finding and a fine. NRC, especially after its performance at Davis Besse, should be more vigilant, not less, when rules are broken by the utilities.**

**Also, throughout your report you continually cite cross-cutting issues. PSEG has shown an unwillingness to fix its safety culture/cross cutting issues problems. A White finding would be an incentive to do so.**

**For each safety and rules violation noted in your report, you decided to only give PSEG a Green finding. You appear to excuse each violation by claiming minimal safety impacts. But allowing PSEG to “get away with” a Green finding just reinforces PSEG’s continued poor safety culture and poor safety decision-making. A Green finding means that the licensee’s performance is acceptable and warrants no special NRC attention. PSEG’s actions, and inactions, in this matter clearly are by no means acceptable, as evidenced by the NRC’s dispatching a special inspection team to the site. It is now time for the NRC to back up its actions with its words and issue a White finding to PSEG for its totally unacceptable performance.**

**Dave Lochbaum, of the Union of Concerned Scientists agrees with us. In an email to me he said that, “The problems identified in this report warrant more sanctions from the NRC than a non-cited GREEN finding”.**

**Please take this minimal remedial action as soon as possible. Give PSEG a White finding.**

**Sincerely,**

**Norm Cohen**

**Coordinator, UNPLUG Salem Campaign**

**CC: Hubert Miller, NRC**

**CC: Bradley Campbell, NJ DEP**

**CC: Jill Lipoti, NJ BNE**