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Dear Mr. Keiser:

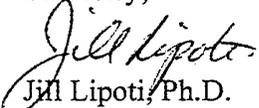
This letter is to apprise you of our concern regarding the radiation monitoring system at Salem 1 and 2. As you are aware, we meet quarterly with the PSEG staff and have placed the Salem Radiation Monitoring System (RMS) on the agenda for continued updates.

According to the Salem System Health Report, the RMS system is in condition RED and steady, due to repeated component failures and system malfunctions. At the May 14, 2002 meeting, a lengthy discussion was held regarding the planned upgrades to the system. It is our understanding that these upgrades are dependent on continued management support and budgetary allocations.

The RMS is not only important to plant operations, but it plays an important role in our emergency response decision-making for off-site protective actions. The New Jersey Bureau of Nuclear Engineering has been tracking the Salem RMS performance failures since 1991. At that time, there was a commitment to replace the entire system by 1995. Although that timeframe was not met, we have been advised that the current schedule calls for upgrading the system over the next 2 years. Clearly, meeting any schedule is heavily contingent on your support.

Your staff has assured us that you are aware of the importance of the RMS system for routine and emergency plant operations. We want you to be aware of the importance that the Bureau of Nuclear Engineering and the Radiation Protection Programs place on the reliability of this critically important system.

Sincerely,


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