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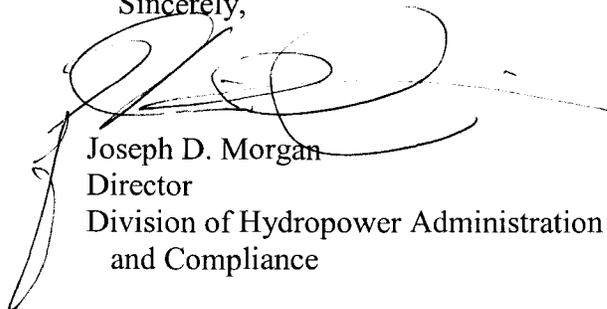
Mr. David Reese
Office of Safety and Environment
Management Directorate
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington D.C. 20528

Subject: Comment on Environmental Planning Program

Dear Mr. Reese:

The Office of Energy Projects within the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has reviewed the Department of Homeland Security's draft Environmental Planning Program issued June 2004. The Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, the Division of Dam Safety and Inspections, and the Division of Gas-Environment and Engineering have each considered the specifics of their program in relation to your proposed policies and procedures. Though this has resulted in no comments at this time, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to review your procedures to implement the National Environmental Policy Act.

Sincerely,



Joseph D. Morgan
Director
Division of Hydropower Administration
and Compliance