

# **Overview**

- Company Background
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PSEG Power LLC is a fortune 300 compnay that owns and operates a portfolia of natural gas, coal, and oil-fired elctric generating units in NJ, NY, CT, PA and now MD totaling around 15,000 MW.

### Consisting of:

15 Fossil Generation Facilities 3 Nuclear Generation Units 3 Natural Gas Plants Currently in Construction (MD, NJ, and CT)

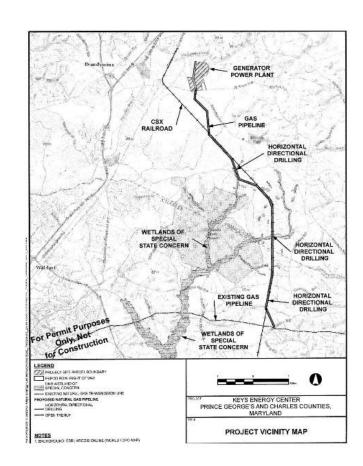


- Engineering, Planning and Environmental
- Established in 1946
- Over 500 personnel
- 20 Offices



# **Project Background**

- The PSEG Keys Energy Center (Project) is a combined cycle plant that will bring 755 megawatts of highly efficient generating capacity to the state of Maryland supporting system flexibility and reliability
- 7.9 miles of 20" natural gas pipeline through sensitive environmental features
- 1.93 miles protected by timber mats during construction



# **Program Drivers**

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#### Permit & Construction Document Review

- · Pre-construction plan review · Ongoing plan review during
- construction + Focus is on avoidance and
- minimization of resource
- Ensure adequate E&S controls
- Sequence of construction
- · Limits of disturbance · Overall constructability



#### Coordination with Project Team

- Member of Construction Management Team



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#### What an IEM does not do!

- · Make or approve design changes
- · Inspect and approve non-environmental work (concrete testing, structures, infrastructure, etc.)
- . Direct the contractor
- · Approve contractor materials, quantities, etc.

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- · Documents construction compliance
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### **Typical Environmental Issues**



- Truck Washing
- Permitted Impacts
- · Wetlands / Wetland Buffers · Stream Crossings
- · Tree Clearing and Grubbing · E&S Controls
- · Steep Slopes
- Mat Placement
- Forests/Tree Preservation Threatened Species
- Cultural Resources
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#### Documentation

- · Photos
- · Real Time
- Demonstrates
- compliance
- · Relates to other data



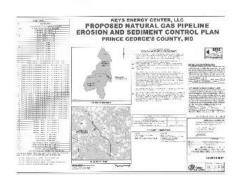
### **Photographs**



### Reporting



### Approved Plans



### Compliance Issues



# Environmental Compliance Training

 Development of Environmental Compliance Training (Owner Staff, Contractors, Etc.)



# **Program Implementation**

- Coordination with Agency Inspections (WSSC, DPIE, MDE)
- Reporting to MDE and Corps on HDD Inadvertent Release in uplands
- Reporting to MDE on E&SC discharge into wetland during trenching operations
- Daily report notifications to regulating agencies and invested parties
- No Agency Notice of Violations or Non-Compliances issued prior to or during construction



# Benefits

- Builds solid relationships between regulatory agencies and company
- Builds relationships between construction management, engineering, and monitors
- · Reduction of risks of non-compliance, fines, delays,
- Focuses on permit requirements and permit conditions
- Defines roles and responsibilities
- Documentation
- Daily focus on environmental concerns



# Conclusions

- Reduces Risk of Non-compliances
- Standardizes Expectations
- Documents Compliance
- Strengthens Regulatory Relationships

# Thank You

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