

News Release

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PRESS RELEASE**Oyster Creek Generating Station Shuts Down**

FORKED RIVER, NJ (Dec. 19, 2007) – Oyster Creek Generating Station was manually shutdown at 11:45 EST this morning due to a reactor feed pump trip during planned maintenance. The feed pump trip required the plant to be taken out of service.

As part of the shut down, as of late this afternoon on Dec. 19, a few hundred bluefish had died from exposure to the cold water. Our ecological experts have estimated that a few thousand additional fish are likely to be impacted. Plant operators are working diligently to bring the plant back online safely and efficiently to return warmer water to the canal.

“We understand and regret the impacts of a rapid water temperature drop on the aquatic environment near the plant after removing the station, as required, from operation during cold weather. We are doing everything we can to limit harm to the fish,” said Bill Noll, Vice President, Mid-Atlantic Operations for Exelon Nuclear, AmerGen’s parent company.

“We will continue to keep the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission informed, and our ecological experts to insure all reasonable measures are taken to minimize any impact on the fish,” continued Noll.

Plant and public safety were maintained throughout the shutdown. All appropriate state and federal officials were notified.

Oyster Creek is a 636-megawatt boiling water reactor capable of providing the power needed for about 600,000 homes. The station is located about 50 miles east of Philadelphia and 75 miles south of New York City.

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