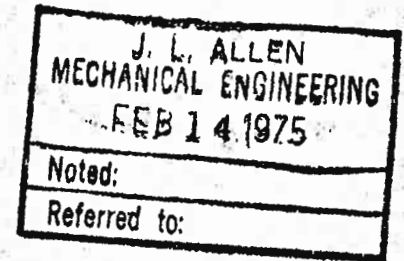


# **Exhibit 1**



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DIRECTOR

STATE OF MARYLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
WATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION  
TAWES STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401



February 7, 1975

Mr. J. L. Allen  
Assistant Chief Mechanical Engineer  
Philadelphia Electric Company  
2301 Market Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101

Dear Mr. Allen:

On July 19, 1974, you requested a certification, pursuant to Section 401(a)1 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, 33 U.S.C. Sections 1151 et. seq., for the Conowingo Hydroelectric Power Plant, located at Conowingo, Maryland.

The State of Maryland hereby certifies that:

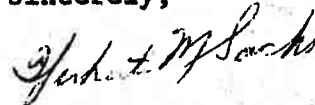
1. The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has not defined best practical control technology currently available for discharges from hydroelectric power generating stations, pursuant to Section 301, and has not established effluent limitations applicable to the Conowingo Hydroelectric plant pursuant to Section 302.
2. The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has not published standards of performance applicable to hydroelectric powerplants pursuant to Section 306.
3. The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has not promulgated a list of toxic and pre-treatment effluent standards applicable to hydroelectric powerplants pursuant to Section 307 of the Act.
4. The State of Maryland, pursuant to Section 402 of the Act, was delegated the operation of the NPDES permit system for discharges to the waters of the State by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency on September 5, 1974, and on December 11, 1974, the State issued

State Discharge Permit No. 75-DP-0491, NPDES Permit No. MD-0002518, which permitted discharges from the Conowingo Hydroelectric Power Plant under certain terms and conditions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 401(d), the above certification is issued subject to the following condition to insure that the operation of the facility will comply with appropriate requirements of State law:

1. The facility shall be operated at all times in such a manner as to conform to the requirements contained in State Permit No. 75-DP-0491 attached hereto.

Sincerely,



Herbert M. Sachs  
Director

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Attachment