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**SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION 50-335/99201 AND 50-389/99201 (OPERATIONAL SAFEGUARDS RESPONSE EVALUATION)**

Dear Mr. Plunkett:

During August 23 through 26, 1999, NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation performed an Operational Safeguards Response Evaluation (OSRE) at the St. Lucie Plant, Units 1 & 2. A final exit meeting was held by telephone conference on October 26, 1999, to summarize the findings of the OSRE. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

The primary purpose of the OSRE was to assess your ability to respond to an external threat. The OSRE also assessed the interaction between operations and security in establishing priorities for protection of equipment and the protective strategies used. The OSRE included a safety/safeguards interface review to ensure that safeguards measures did not adversely impact safe operations of the facility.

The licensee's performance during this evaluation indicated an effective overall contingency response capability. The OSRE team noted significant operations involvement in the planning and exercising of the contingency response capability, and concluded that the protective strategy for St. Lucie was being effectively implemented and that the response force demonstrated competent capabilities in protecting public health and safety against the NRC design basis threat (DBT). Furthermore, operations and security acted as an integrated plant protection team and demonstrated an integrated strategy and the ability to execute that strategy against the design basis threat for radiological sabotage.

The exercises also demonstrated that the security response force could provide a protected, safe environment for the operators to operate and control the reactor within their normal training and qualifications. The team also concluded that effective provisions were in place to ensure that safeguards measures did not adversely affect the safe operations of the facility.

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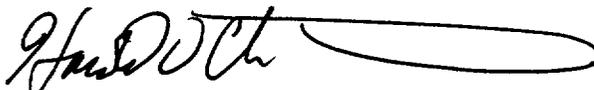
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Sincerely,



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