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NRC CHAIRMAN TO VISIT ST. LUCIE NUCLEAR PLANT

Will Meet With Press On Monday, November 17 At 4:00 P.M.

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The Chairman of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, *Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson*, will be at Florida Power & Light Company's St. Lucie nuclear power plant on Hutchinson Island near Ft. Pierce on Monday, November 17 and will be available at 4:00 p.m. to meet with interested news media representatives to answer questions related to the visit.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD COME TO GATE C AND PROCEED TO THE SECURITY BUILDING WHERE THE PLANT IS ENTERED. YOU WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE LOCATION OF THE ROOM WHERE CHAIRMAN JACKSON WILL BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS TODAY'S VISIT.

Dr. Jackson will meet at St. Lucie with the NRC's resident inspectors, hold discussions with FP&L officials on current improvement initiatives at the plant, and take a working tour of the facility, including areas where replacement of the Unit 1 steam generators is currently under way.

Chairman Jackson is a theoretical physicist who became an NRC commissioner on May 2, 1995 and was named Chairman two months later on July 1. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physics in 1968 and a Ph.D. in theoretical elementary particle physics in 1973, both from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She conducted research in theoretical physics, solid state and quantum physics, and optical physics for a number of years at AT&T Bell Laboratories and was a Professor of Physics at Rutgers University when appointed to the NRC.

Dr. Jackson is the first African-American woman to receive a doctorate from MIT, the first African-American to become an NRC commissioner and the first woman and first African-American to serve as NRC Chairman.

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