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Subject: Updated Sea Turtle Rescue and Handling Guidance

Dear Sir:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Crystal River Energy Complex completed an Endangered Species Act Section 7 formal consultation process in 1999. In the Biological Opinion issued by the NMFS, terms and conditions were included which required that all updates to the Sea Turtle Rescue and Handling Guidance be reviewed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and NMFS.

The Sea Turtle Rescue and Handling Guidance has been updated in order to formally implement the terms and conditions of the Biological Opinion. This guidance is attached for your review.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. Steve Garry, Supervisor, Environmental and Radiological Compliance at (352) 563-4777.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. L. Bernhoft".

S. L. Bernhoft
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Attachment

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NRR Project Manager w/o attach. Records Management w/attach.