

**Florida  
Power**

CORPORATION  
Crystal River Unit 3  
Docket No. 50-302  
Operating License No. DPR-72

November 30, 2000  
3F1100-10

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attn: Document Control Desk  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Report Required by Environmental Protection Plan

Dear Sir:

The Crystal River Unit 3 (CR-3) Environmental Protection Plan (EPP), Appendix B of the CR-3 Operating License, establishes reporting requirements related to environmental conditions. Section 4.1, "Significant Environmental Events," requires that reports to other Federal, State or local agencies shall be copied to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), NRC, and the Crystal River Energy Complex completed an Endangered Species Act Section 7 formal consultation process in 1999. The Biological Opinion issued by the NMFS include terms and conditions which require that a written report be submitted to NMFS for sea turtle mortality occurring at the Crystal River Energy Complex.

A report of a sea turtle mortality (see attached) has been made to the National Marine Fisheries Service.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. Sid Powell, Manager, Nuclear Licensing at (352) 563-4883.

Sincerely,

John J. Holden  
Vice President and Site Director

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Attachment

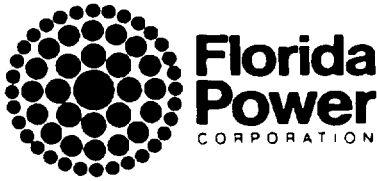
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Senior Resident Inspector  
NRR Project Manager

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**FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION**  
**CRYSTAL RIVER UNIT 3**  
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**ATTACHMENT**

**SEA TURTLE REPORT**



November 30, 2000  
NL00-0128

US National Marine Fisheries Service  
South East Regional Office  
Attn: Assistant Regional Administrator  
Protected Resource Division  
9721 Executive Center Dr., Suite 102  
St. Petersburg, FL 33707

Subject: Sea Turtle Report

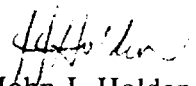
Dear Sir:

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. The Biological Opinion issued by the NMFS include terms and conditions which require that a written report be submitted for sea turtle injury or mortality occurring at the Crystal River Energy Complex.

On November 6, 2000, a sea turtle carcass was discovered on a subsurface area of a Crystal River Unit 3 intake bar rack. As the bar rack was being lifted up onto the intake structure deck for cleaning, the carcass floated free and partial skeletal remains were recovered. The circumstances associated with the death of the turtle were discussed with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). In the absence of any obvious injury or disease, Florida Power Corporation has concluded that the mortality was causally-related.

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

Sincerely,

  
John J. Holden  
Vice President and Site Director

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