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May 24, 2001

The Honorable Richard Kitchen
Mayor, City of Crystal River
123 NW Highway 19
Crystal River, FL 32629

SUBJECT: NRC ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT OF CRYSTAL RIVER NUCLEAR PLANT

Dear Mayor Kitchen:

The annual performance assessment of the Crystal River Nuclear Plant has been completed in accordance with the NRC Reactor Oversight Process, using the most recent performance indicators and inspection findings from the last 12 months. The assessment reflects current licensee performance.

On June 11, 2001, members of my staff will meet with the management of Florida Power Company to discuss the performance of Crystal River. This meeting is scheduled to be conducted at 10:00 a.m. (EDT), at the Crystal River Nuclear Operations Training Facility, 8200 W. Venable Street in Crystal River.

I would like to personally invite you to attend this Annual Assessment Meeting. The assessment results will be documented in a formal Annual Assessment Letter to Florida Power Company management, which we expect to issue on May 31, 2001. A copy of this letter will also be forwarded to you at that time along with a summary of our planned inspection schedule for the coming year.

Also in conjunction with the Annual Assessment Meeting, I would like to invite you to a separate meeting between you and other State and local government officials, and my staff. This meeting will also be conducted at the Crystal River Nuclear Operations Training Facility and will begin shortly after the conclusion of the Annual Assessment Meeting. The purposes of this meeting are to meet the NRC inspectors at Crystal River, and to ensure that you are aware of the NRC inspection and assessment process and the avenues that are available to bring concerns that you or your constituents have to the NRC. This meeting will also provide you the opportunity to inform us of any current personal or constituent concerns with Crystal River. There is also another means for you to become familiar with the Reactor Oversight Process and the specific performance of Crystal River. Through the NRC Web site, you can access the same information we use in our annual assessment of plant performance. This information may be accessed at http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT.

Your schedule permitting, my staff looks forward to meeting with you on June 11, 2001. In the interim, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or Leonard Wert of my staff if we can be of further assistance to you. You can contact us at 1-800-577-8510, extension 24410 or 24540, respectively.

Sincerely,

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Luis A. Reyes
Regional Administrator

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