

June 19, 2001

Mr. Jack Southhard  
Director, St. Lucie County  
Department of Public Safety  
101 North Rock Road  
Ft. Pierce, FL 34945

SUBJECT: NRC ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT OF ST. LUCIE NUCLEAR  
PLANT

Dear Mr. Southhard:

The annual performance assessment of the St. Lucie 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 and is described in the enclosed Annual Assessment Letter sent to the Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) on May 29, 2001.

On July 10, 2001, members of my staff will meet with the management of the FPL to discuss the performance of St. Lucie. This meeting is scheduled to be conducted at 10:00 a.m. (EDT) in Room 123 of the Nuclear Training Center at the St. Lucie Nuclear Plant on Hutchinson Island in Florida.

I would like to personally invite you to attend this Annual Assessment Meeting. Also in conjunction with this 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 be conducted in Room 227 at the same location shortly after the conclusion of the Annual Assessment Meeting. The purposes of this meeting are to meet the NRC inspectors at St. Lucie, 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 St. Lucie. There is also another means for you to become familiar with the Reactor Oversight Process and the specific performance of St. Lucie. 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 July 10, 2001. In the interim, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or Len 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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