

June 9, 2003

Mr. James H. Terry  
Progress Energy Florida, Inc.  
Crystal River Nuclear Plant - Unit 3  
15760 W. Powerline Street  
Crystal River, FL 34428

RE: Reactor Vessel Closure Head Replacement Project  
Letter Dated May 20, 2003

Dear Mr. Terry:

Progress Energy Florida Inc. (Progress Energy) is proposing to import via Framatome, ANP, Lynchburg, VA, a reactor vessel closure head and associated equipment fabricated in France for end use at the Crystal River Unit 3 Nuclear Power station. Under Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulations, import of this equipment requires a specific license issued by the NRC. I am writing to advise you the NRC staff concluded, in response to your letter dated May 20, 2003, that pursuant to 10 CFR § 110.10(a), Progress Energy is granted an exemption from the specific import license requirement.

As the licensee for Crystal River Unit 3, Progress Energy is authorized to receive and possess the items proposed for export from France for use at their facilities. Import of the reactor vessel closure heads does not raise any public health and safety or common defense and security issues. Accordingly, I have exempted these proposed imports from NRC licensing requirements found in 10 CFR Part 110 after finding pursuant to 10 CFR 110.10(a) that issuance of this exemption is: (1) is authorized by law; (2) is not inimical to the common defense and security; and (3) does not constitute an unreasonable risk to the public health and safety. I also note that the granting of an exemption does not relieve any person from complying with the regulations of other Government agencies applicable to exports or imports under their authority.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-2344 or Janice Owens at 301-415-3684.

Sincerely,

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