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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT FOLLOW-UP - ST. LUCIE NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2

Dear Mr. Stall:

On December 27, 2003, the NRC completed a quarterly review of the St. Lucie Nuclear Plant. The assessment evaluated the performance indicators (PIs) and inspection results. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of your safety performance and our plans for a future inspection at your facility.

Our review identified that you have crossed the threshold from Green to White for the Unplanned Scrams performance indicator for Unit 2 for the fourth quarter of calendar year (CY) 2003. In a subsequent conversation I had with Mr. Gordon Johnston of your staff on January 8, 2004, the crossing of the Green threshold was confirmed. As a result, we have assessed St. Lucie Unit 2 performance to be in the Regulatory Response column of the NRC's Action Matrix. Therefore, we plan to conduct Supplemental Inspection Procedure 95001. This inspection procedure is conducted to provide assurance that the root causes and contributing causes of risk significant performance issues are understood, the extent of condition is identified, and the corrective actions are sufficient to prevent recurrence.

This letter is to inform you that we plan to have Thierry Ross, the Senior Resident Inspector at the St. Lucie facility, perform the supplemental inspection in February, 2004. As discussed with Mr. Johnston, the specific dates in February when Mr. Ross will perform this inspection are dependent upon the completion of your root cause investigation and corrective action plan development. Mr. Ross will coordinate directly with your staff at the St. Lucie facility for the performance of this supplemental inspection.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (404) 562-4560.

Sincerely,

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