

April 27, 2005

The Honorable Edward J. Markey
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Markey:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of March 22, 2005, regarding the article published in *The Washington Times* on March 12, 2005, indicating that illegal aliens using false social security numbers entered and worked as contract painters for Progress Energy. Progress Energy owns the Crystal River Energy Complex in Florida.

The NRC staff has prepared the enclosed answers to your questions. If you need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Nils J. Diaz

Enclosure: As stated