

July 11, 2005

The Honorable Martin T. Meehan
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Meehan:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of June 7, 2005, regarding security at Florida Power and Light's (FPL) Seabrook Station in Seabrook, New Hampshire. As you are aware, NRC is conducting a special inspection to follow-up on findings identified during a periodic inspection of Seabrook's security programs.

Many of the questions posed in your letter seek specific information related to security inspection findings at the Seabrook Station. NRC does not make the details of security inspections publicly available to prevent release of any security information that could be useful to a potential adversary. Florida Power and Light is addressing the inspection findings identified during the security inspection conducted in May 2005. Prior to leaving the site after the May inspection, security specialists from NRC Region I confirmed that FPL's immediate compensatory measures were appropriate. In addition, FPL has committed to maintain compensatory measures as long as needed and to take actions to address the underlying problems which led to this event. The special inspection team is reviewing the causes of the identified problems, as well as FPL's actions to correct the problems and prevent recurrence. The team is also looking at the reason those problems were not identified sooner.

NRC routinely inspects power plant security programs and procedures to ensure compliance with applicable rules and regulations, including the requirements contained in several security Orders implemented since the terrorist attacks of September 2001. As such, compliance with requirements related to worker fatigue, security officer training, and other issues raised in your letter will be reviewed as part of NRC's ongoing inspection activities. Upon completion of this review, the NRC will take any appropriate enforcement actions consistent with NRC policies.

In your letter, you also raised a number of questions related to Seabrook's security program and requested copies of related documents. With respect to your request for Seabrook condition reports related to security, these are licensee documents that NRC inspectors review on site during inspection activities. The licensee is not required to submit these documents to the NRC. However, you may be able to get the documents from the licensee or conduct a review of them on site. With respect to your questions on the security program at the Seabrook Station and those on NRC processes, the Commission will provide responses to the issues raised in your letter when the special inspection is complete.

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I want to assure you that NRC has and will continue to exercise strong oversight of security programs at the Seabrook Station and other nuclear power plants. If you have additional questions regarding these matters, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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