



Crystal River Nuclear Plant
Docket No. 50-302
Operating License No. DPR-72

August 18, 2005
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Crystal River – Unit 3 - Sea Turtle Injury Report

Dear Sir:

Florida Power Corporation, doing business as Progress Energy Florida, Inc. (PEF), hereby provides the NRC a copy of a sea turtle injury report submitted to the U. S. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The report to the NMFS is required by NMFS's Crystal River – Unit 3 (CR-3) Biological Opinion, dated August 8, 2002, Terms and Conditions, Item 2. Reporting to the NRC is required by the CR-3 Operating License, Appendix B – Part II, Environmental Protection Plan (Non-Radiological) Technical Specifications, Section 4.0, Environmental Conditions, Item 4.1, Significant Environmental Events.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. Sid Powell, Supervisor, Licensing and Regulatory Programs at (352) 563-4883.

Sincerely,

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J. A. Franke
Plant General Manger

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Attachment

xc: Regional Administrator, Region II
Senior Resident Inspector
NRR Project Manager

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U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service
Southeast Regional Office
Attn: Assistant Regional Administrator
Protected Resources Division
9721 Executive Center Drive North
St. Petersburg, FL 33702

Subject: Crystal River Unit 3 – Sea Turtle Injury Report

Dear Sir:

In the Biological Opinion, issued August 8, 2002 by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries), terms and conditions required that if any listed species are apparently injured in the Crystal River Energy Complex intake canal or the bar racks, a report summarizing the incident must be provided to NOAA Fisheries within 30 days of the incident.

On July 22, 2005, at approximately 06:30, an injured Loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*) was recovered from the Crystal River Unit 3 (CR-3) bar racks. The turtle was transferred to the Crystal River Mariculture Center for initial evaluation by facility biologists. On the afternoon of July 22, the Loggerhead sea turtle was transferred to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium for treatment of its injuries and a more complete physical evaluation. On August 4, it was concluded that some of the injuries were likely caused by the turtle scraping against the CR-3 bar racks. At this time, the Loggerhead is still at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium undergoing care and rehabilitation.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. Lee Hughes, Environmental and Chemistry at (352) 563-4715.

Sincerely,

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J. A. Franke
Plant General Manger

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