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Mr. Daniel L. Roderick
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Dear Mr. Roderick:

The Division of Emergency Management (Division) has received a copy of the Draft Emergency Plan and the Evacuation Time Estimates for the new proposed Levy County Nuclear Plant. Although comments were submitted to Progress Energy for minor revisions to the plan, the Division believes the proposed draft emergency plan is practicable. The Division concurs with the proposed emergency classification system, initiating conditions, and emergency action levels described in the plan.

We understand that the Evacuation Time Estimates have been revised and are being resubmitted. The Division will continue to work with Progress Energy and the counties to resolve any discrepancies in the evacuation times, if necessary.

It is our understanding that a Combined Operating License Application is being developed in accordance with 10 CFR 52 and will be submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission within the next few months. Emergency planning provisions of 10 CFR 52 and the application process require that Progress Energy obtain certifications (assurances) from local and state governmental agencies with emergency planning responsibilities that the agency will participate in emergency planning and support emergency response to the proposed new units, if constructed. Therefore, pursuant to section 252.60, Florida Statutes, the Division provides the following assurances:

- The proposed emergency plan is a thorough, practical, and useful tool for use in managing real life events;
- The Division will fully participate in the continuing planning efforts and scheduled field demonstrations for this Emergency Plan;
- The Division is committed to leading the effort to ensure that the health and safety of the public is maintained as the highest priority in the implementation and continued improvement of the emergency preparedness and response plans for the Levy Nuclear Power Plant site; and

- The Division is committed to executing our responsibilities under the plans in the event of an emergency.

Over the years, the Division has maintained a successful working partnership with Progress Energy in support of the Crystal River Nuclear Power Plant. It is our commitment to support emergency preparedness for this as well as all hazards that may potentially impact the citizens of Florida. Therefore, we will continue to work with Progress Energy and the counties in their planning efforts for this proposed facility. If you have any questions, please contact Sheri Powers at (850) 413-9925.

Respectfully,

W. Craig, Director
Florida Division of Emergency Management

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