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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT FOR THE COMBINED LICENSES FOR LEVY NUCLEAR PLANT
UNITS 1 AND 2

Dear Mr. Elnitsky:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed NUREG-1941, "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Combined Licenses (COL) for Levy Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2." The draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) focuses on the impacts of constructing and operating two new nuclear units at the Levy Nuclear Plant (LNP) site. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Jacksonville District, is a cooperating agency on the DEIS.

Enclosed are a copy of the DEIS and the associated *Federal Register* Notice of Availability. This notice advises the public that the DEIS is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> which provides access through the NRC's Electronic Reading Room link. The Accession Numbers in ADAMS for the DEIS are ML102140231 and ML102140235. The DEIS can also be found at the NRC's Levy Nuclear Plant specific webpage at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/levy.html>. In addition, the following four public libraries have agreed to make the DEIS available for public inspection: the Citrus County Coastal Region Library, located at 8619 West Crystal Street, Crystal River, Florida; the Dunnellon Branch Library, located at 20351 Robinson Road, Dunnellon, Florida; the AF Knotts Public Library, located at 11 56th Street, Yankeetown, Florida; and the Bronson Public Library, located at 600 Gilbert Street, Bronson, Florida.

The notice also informs the public that the NRC and USACE staff plan to hold two public meetings to present the analysis and results of the DEIS on Thursday, September 23, 2010, at the Plantation Inn, 9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, Florida. The first meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m+., as necessary. The second meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m., with a repeat of the overview portions of the first meeting, and will continue until 10:00 p.m., as necessary. The meetings will be transcribed and will include a presentation of the contents of the DEIS as well as the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report.

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Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour before the start of the meeting during which members of the public may meet and talk with NRC and USACE staff members on an informal basis.

As discussed in Section 10.7 of the DEIS, the NRC staff's preliminary recommendation is that the COLs for LNP Units 1 and 2 should be issued. This preliminary recommendation is based on: (1) the COL application environmental report; (2) consultation with Federal, State, Tribal, and local agencies; (3) the NRC and USACE staffs' independent review; (4) consideration of public scoping comments; and (5) the assessments summarized in the DEIS, including the potential mitigation measures identified.

A separate notice of filing of the DEIS will be placed in the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the NRC Environmental Project Manager, Mr. Douglas Bruner, at 301-415-2730, or via e-mail to Douglas.Bruner@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Scott C. Flanders, Director
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