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SUBJECT: STATUS UPDATE REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR THE
PROPOSED TURKEY POINT UNITS 6 AND 7 COMBINED LICENSE
APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Bendus:

This letter provides a status update on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) staff and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) environmental review for the Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) combined license (COL) application for the construction and operation of two new nuclear power plants (Units 6 and 7) at its Turkey Point site near Homestead, Florida.

The last communication from the NRC staff and USACE to the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer was in June 2010 (Enclosure 1). In that correspondence, the staff was seeking input on historic properties as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping process for the proposed units as well as providing notification on how compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, would be demonstrated. Subsequent discussions between the NRC staff and USACE have determined that the USACE would be the lead Federal agency for Section 106 of NHPA for the proposed project and consultation with the Federally recognized tribes for cultural resource issues. The NRC will continue in its current role as the lead agency in producing the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) but will turn over lead agency consultation responsibilities to the USACE to fulfill the Section 106 NHPA responsibilities. USACE will follow the consultation process outlined in its Procedures for the Protection of Historic Properties, as set forth in Title 33 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 325, Appendix C.

The NRC staff will also forward the draft EIS to the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer for review and comment and will address any comments provided in the final EIS. The anticipated publication date for the draft and final EIS is February 2015 and February 2016, respectively.

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If you have any questions concerning this letter or the NRC staff's environmental review of this COL application, please contact Ms. Alicia Williamson, Environmental Project Manager, at 301-415-1878 or Alicia.Williamson@nrc.gov; Ms. Megan Clouser, USACE Project Manager, at 305-526-7182 or Megan.L.Clouser@usace.army.mil; or Mr. David Pugh for cultural resource issues at 561-472, 3514, or David.W.Pugh@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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