

February 25, 2015

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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE
TURKEY POINT NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 6 AND 7 COMBINED LICENSE
APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Nelson:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is reviewing an application submitted by Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) for combined licenses (COL) for the construction and operation of two new nuclear power plants (Units 6 and 7) at its Turkey Point site near Homestead, Florida. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Jacksonville District, and the National Park Service (NPS) are cooperating agencies on the draft EIS. The NPS does not have any specific regulatory actions pending before it in regard to the proposed Units 6 and 7 at this time. As a cooperating agency, the NPS did provide input into the NRC impact analysis based on its special expertise. However, impact determinations made in this EIS should not be attributed to NPS, but only to the NRC and USACE (also referred to as the "review team"). The NPS's participation in preparing this EIS was primarily centered on data gathering and information sharing regarding the environment in and around the Biscayne and Everglades National Parks, and does not imply NPS concurrence. USACE is a cooperating agency with the NRC for the purpose of complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and is the lead agency for the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 consultation process as stated in a letter from the NRC dated October 23, 2014.

As part of the environmental review of the COL application, the NRC and USACE review team has prepared the enclosed draft environmental impact statement (EIS), NUREG-2176, "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Combined Licenses (COLs) for Turkey Point Units 6 and 7." As stated in the dated October 23, 2014, the USACE will follow the consultation process outlined in its Procedures for the Protection of Historic Properties, under Title 33 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 325, Appendix C.

The NRC and USACE review team conducted an environmental audit at the site and have reviewed historic, cultural, and archaeological resource records within both the direct and indirect areas of potential effect (APE) as documented in reports prepared by FPL for the COL application. The NRC staff also contacted Federally recognized Native American Tribes to request information regarding historic, cultural, and archaeological resources potentially affected by the proposed Turkey Point project. The results of the NRC staff's review, including conclusions regarding the presence of cultural resources and historic properties within the APES and the potential effects of the proposed action on historic properties, are documented in the

draft EIS. Chapter 2 describes historic properties and cultural resources located within the direct and indirect APEs for the Turkey Point site. Chapter 4 discusses impacts to cultural resources during pre-construction and NRC-authorized construction, and Chapter 5 discusses impacts during operation at the proposed Turkey Point site. Chapter 7 addresses cumulative impacts to historic properties and cultural resources in the vicinity of the Turkey Point site APEs.

Please provide any information or comments you feel are appropriate on the draft EIS during the comment period, which ends on May 22, 2015. Comments can be submitted: (1) by mail to the Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop OWFN-12H8, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; (2) by e-mail to TurkeyPointCOLEIS@nrc.gov; or (3) in person during upcoming public meetings. In April 2015, the NRC and USACE plan to hold public meetings in the Homestead, Florida area to present the analysis and results of the draft EIS and take public comments. A separate meeting notice will be issued as soon as the meeting dates are set.

If you have any questions concerning the NRC staff's environmental review of this COL application, please contact Ms. Alicia Williamson, Environmental Project Manager, at (301) 415-1878 or via e-mail to Alicia.Williamson@nrc.gov.

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