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SUBJECT: Informs NRC that mods have been completed on four containment purge valves. Two remaining purge valves will be modified during 800315 refueling outage to avoid unnecessary radiation exposure to plant personnel.

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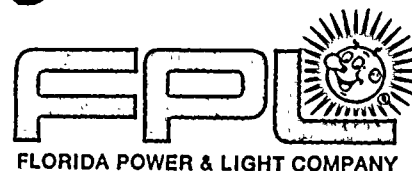
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Mr. R. W. Reid, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 4
Division of Operating Reactors
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Reid:

Re: St. Lucie Unit 1
Docket No. 50-335
Containment Purge

This letter is to inform you that Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) has completed modifications to the four containment purge valves located outside the St. Lucie Unit 1 containment, restricting the valve opening to a maximum of 50 degrees on an interim basis in accordance with position 2.a of your letter of October 23, 1979. FPL intends to modify the remaining two purge valves located inside containment during the next refueling outage scheduled for March 15, 1980. FPL has delayed implementation of the modification on those two valves to avoid unnecessary radiation exposure to plant personnel. The modifications to the four valves outside containment provide reasonable assurance that the containment integrity would be maintained in the event of a DBA - LOCA.

As discussed with Mr. Peter Erickson of your staff and as previously stated in our letter to you dated May 25, 1979 (L-79-139), FPL is continuing to limit purging to as low as achievable (NRC interim position 1). NRC interim position 2.b has been adequately addressed in FPL letters dated January 5, 1979 (L-79-3) and December 13, 1979 (L-79-347). If you have any questions relative to the FPL commitment regarding the NRC interim position, please call us.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Uhrig
Vice President
Advanced Systems & Technology

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